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Final polls point the way to Republican triumph

Bush all set for victory

Dukakis fights with last-ditch rallies

- Pollsters expected Mr Bush to be the first incumbent Vice-President in 152 years to win the White House race
- Television networks agreed not to predict a winner from their exit polls until voting ended on the West Coast
- Dixville Notch in New Hampshire was the first declared result, where the voting went 34-3 for the Vice-President
- Slow polling in the big cities of New York and Chicago led experts to predict a national turn-out around 50 per cent

From Michael Binyon, Washington

As America went to the polls yesterday, Vice-President George Bush was set to win election as the nation's 41st President, the first incumbent Vice-President to be elected to the White House for 152 years.

With an almost insuperable lead in the dozens of states in the South and west that would give him victory in the Electoral College, Mr Bush exuded confidence and relief as he arrived in Houston to cast his own vote yesterday morning. He was "nervous but hoping it all works out."

Governor Michael Dukakis, *ending his campaign with a* frantic race across the country and last-ditch rallies in Iowa and Detroit, voted in his home city of Boston. "I know victory is within our grasp." he said at a final campaign stop at Detroit airport. "It's a close and tough race, but we always knew it would be."

An exhausted but exuberant Mr Bush voted soon after dawn, and then visited campaign headquarters with his wife, Barbara, to telephone supporters and ensure that they turned out to vote. He called six people himself and all promised to vote.

He then emerged to tell reporters he was nostalgic at meeting some of those who had started in politics with him, but was "very glad" the gruelling campaign was over.

He spent the rest of yesterday quietly with his family, before attending a planned Republican celebration party in the evening. Today he is to hold a press conference in Houston, before flying back to Washington, where a victory celebration is planned at Andrews Air Force base.

The final polls all gave Mr Bush a comfortable lead. Television exit polls kept track of voting patterns throughout the day, but the networks kept an agreement not to project the election result until polls had closed in California and the West Coast.

Polling began slowly yesterday in some of the big cities. In New York, officials forecast a turnout of 80 per cent, compared with 84 per cent in 1984. In Chicago, turnout was put at 73 per cent, five points lower than when President Reagan beat Mr Walter Mondale.

Throughout the country, however, the turnout was expected to be much lower, at around *50* per cent.

By tradition the tiny hamlet of Dixville Notch in New Hampshire opened its polls first, at one minute past midnight, and was the first to announce its results. It gave overwhelming victory to Mr Bush — 34 of the inhabitants voted for the Vice-President , and three for Mr Dukakis.

Both candidates made a last-minute television appeal for support on Monday evening. In a paid 30-minute broadcast, President Reagan paid warm tribute to his loyal lieutenant, for whom he has campaigned tirelessly in the past two months.

"George Bush is one of the ablest, one of the strongest men I've known in my lifetime. I trust George Bush. America can trust him too."

Mr Bush said he had the experience "to be a steady hand guiding our country". He added: "What it all comes down to is which set of values will keep America's future bright and who you trust to stick to those values."

He never once mentioned his running-mate, Senator Dan Quayle, whose qualifications have been widely attacked and who has played a backseat role in the campaign.

Mr Dukakis, in his broadcast, prominently featured Senator Lloyd Bentsen, who, polls found, has emerged in the campaign as the most popular and "presidential" of the four candidates.

Senator Quayle yesterday voted in Indiana but committed another minor gaffe as he bantered with reporters. "Well, we got one sure vote." he said, emerging from the polling station with his wife, Marilyn. Mrs Quayle quickly corrected him: "Two." she said. "Yeah, two," he agreed hastily.

America also voted yesterday for 33 Senate seat contenders, all 435 members of the House of Representatives seeking re-election, and 12 governors.

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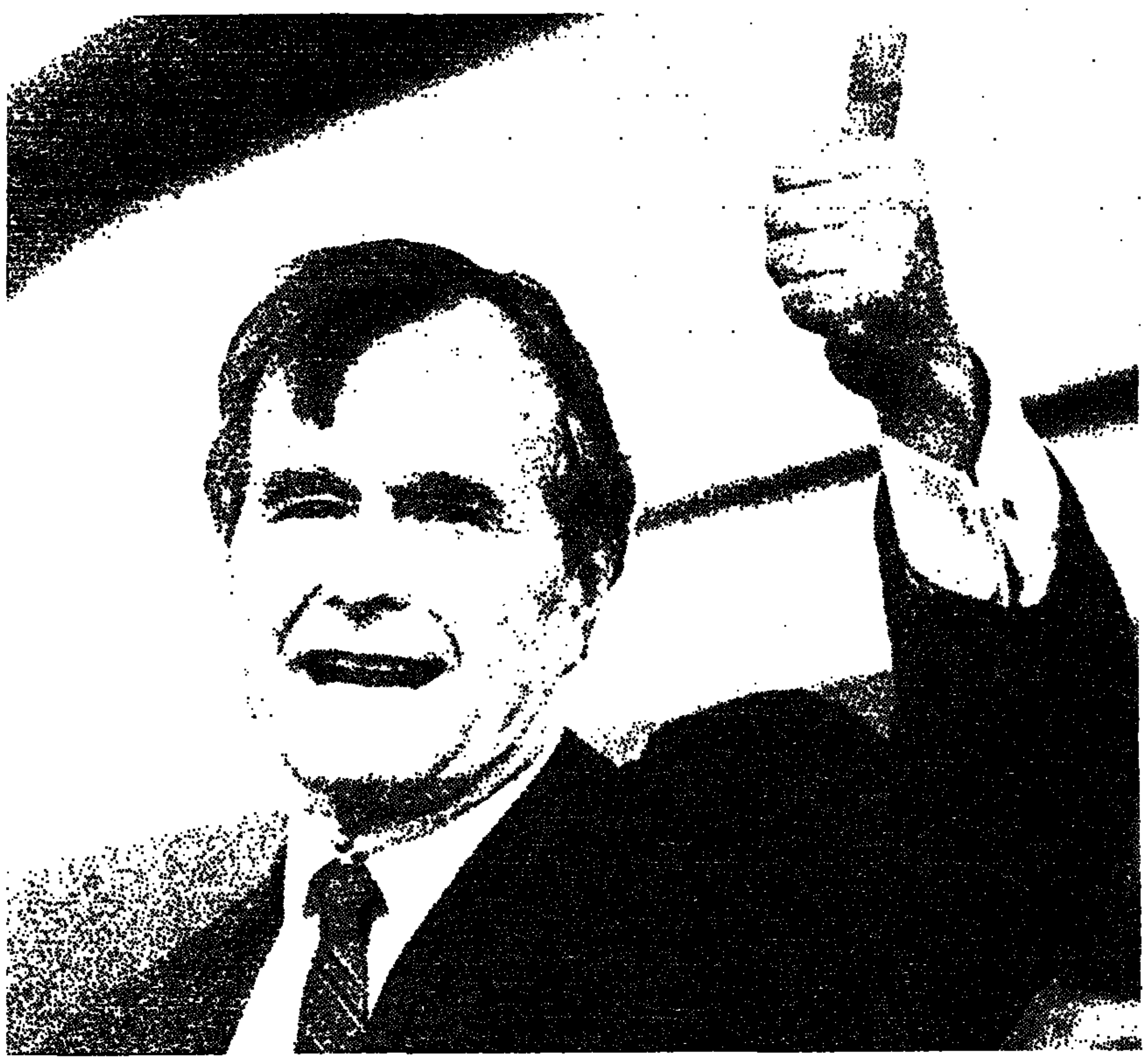
Signal of triumph: A confident Mr George Bush arriving back to vote in his adopted city of Houston, Texas, yesterday.

Thomson warns of television 'anarchy'

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

British broadcasting faces "near anarchy" in the 1990s as a result of the Government's White Paper, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority said yesterday.

Lord Thomson said he feared that the BBC would become a "cultural ghetto" with poorer people unable to pay for programmes as subscription or pay-as-you-view television took over from licence fees.

Lord Thomson will retire as chairman of the IBA at the end of next month. He is expected to be an outspoken critic of the Government's broadcasting proposals in the Lords.

In an exclusive interview, he criticized the Prime Minister and her colleagues for treating broadcasting as purely an economic activity. He said that "the state of dislike with the way broadcasters carry out their responsibilities as seen through politicians' eyes has not created an affectionate climate when it comes to considering the wisest form of change".

Mr John Mortimer, QC, the barrister and creator of Rumpole, said yesterday the proposals were a recipe for disaster.

He said the broadcasting system was buttressed by the public service BBC which was not only important in itself but provided proper competition for excellence.

"If the BBC is good its competitors will be good. If the BBC sinks, the whole ship will sink", he said. It was crucial that franchises for commercial television should depend on producing worthwhile programming.

He said: "Freedom of choice doesn't mean freedom to choose between 35 varieties of totally similar rubbish, which is what freedom of choice in America means".

An episode of good drama cost about £500,000. However, none of the new channels would be able to afford anything like that. Instead, they would buy back numbers of American-made programmes such as Starsky and Hutch.

"That is what you will get at the best. At the worst you will get an intolerable diet of quiz shows

Mr Mortimer told a press conference called by unions to *highlight the effects of subs*cription television on the BBC: "The idea of a BBC financed by a nation of old-age pensioners that are going to

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Tory whips bring Lords victory on eye charges

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The way was cleared last night for the introduction of £10 eye test and £3 dental charges next month after the Government defeated the rebellion in the House of Lords. Government warnings of a constitutional conflict between the two Houses helped Ministers win a majority of 50 at the end of a tense two-hour debate on the eye test proposals.

The vote was 257 votes to 207 in the Government's favour, making a total number of peers voting 464. That was one of the highest number this century, although not topping the 501-vote in the poll tax revolt in May.

Lord Belstead, leader of the Lords, promised peers that the Government will monitor the charges carefully and "think again" if they deterred people from seeking tests.

He also hinted at further help for pensioners aged over 70. But Government sources said later he was referring only to Mr Nigel Lawson's proposal for extra pension payments for the poorest old people and not to more exemptions from charges.

Peers went on to reject an amendment tabled by Lord Ennals, the former Labour Social Services Secretary, to exempt 6.5 million pensioners by 237 votes to 196 — a Government majority of 41.

When the Lords originally voted on the issue in July the total number of peers was 214. It was estimated that Lord Denham, the Government's chief whip in the Lords, brought in between 80 and 100 Tory peers rarely seen in the upper House to ensure the success for the Government.

Sixteen Tory peers plus Lord Alport, an Independent Conservative, rebelled. They were joined by 38 independent crossbenchers. The rebels were: Lord Alport, Lord Auckland, Lord Chelwood, Lord Chesham, Lord Colwyn, Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, Earl Donoughmore, Lord Ferrier, Lady Gardner of Parkes, Lord Gray, the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Lord Mottistone, Earl Nelson, Lord Stanley of Alderley, Lord Teviot, Lord Wise. The bishops to oppose the Government were: Chelmsford, Chichester, Gloucester, Liverpool, Manchester, Southwark; and the Archbishop of York.

After the vote Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Health Secretary, said he hoped that the charges would be introduced this year.

: "I am relieved that we do not have to look around the health service for another £70 million to come out of our plans for increased spending, he said."

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Ombudsman investigation into Clowes

The Parliamentary Ombudsman is to investigate the Department of Trade and Industry's handling of the Barlow Clowes affair.

Sir Anthony Barrowclough said last night that he is writing immediately to MPs who have sent him investors' complaints about the £190 million collapse. He will seek comments from the DTI, and then press ahead with the investigation.

Last month an internal DTI inquiry, headed by Sir Godfray Le Quesne, was hailed by ministers as an exoneration of the DTI. Since then government sources have indicated that while not accepting any legal liability it would contribute to any successful "lifeboat" scheme.

RAF replaces crashed aircraft

£800m for extra Tornadoes

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The RAF is to spend up to £800 million on 41 extra Tornado jets to replace aircraft lost in training and to sustain the Tornado force into the next century.

The Government yesterday said it was ordering a further 26 GR1 Tornado bombers, the RAF's front-line strike aircraft, and 15 F3 air defence fighter aircraft.

Seventeen GR1s have been lost since the aircraft entered service in 1980 with nine airmen killed.

The Ministry of Defence recently put the cost of the GR1 at £18 million and the F3 at £17.5 million but yesterday it said the order was still being negotiated and declined to give the total value.

Senior industry sources put the likely figure at between £700 million and £800 million.

The Tornado is manufactured by Panavia, a consortium of British Aerospace, MBB of West Germany and Aeritalia of Italy.

In a Commons written reply, Mr Timothy Sainsbury, the Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said: "These aircraft will sustain the RAF's Tornado force into the next century."

The original order was for 220 GR1s and 165 F2s (later uprated to F3s).In 1985 a further nine GR1 aircraft were ordered to make good losses.

Yesterday's announcement brings the total number of Tornados ordered by the RAF to 435.

- The world's airlines will spend more than $400 billion over the next 20 years to buy nearly 10,000 new aircraft to cope with the expected demand for air travel and to meet new noise regulations, according to a report produced yesterday by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

Nearly 7,000 of the world's present fleet of 10,400 jets cannot meet the latest noise standards and must be replaced, it says.

Tourists advised to quit Sri Lanka

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Travel agents here have been advised to ask tourists in Sri Lanka to leave and not to allow others to arrive until the political situation improves in what may be the prelude to a crackdown on an extreme Marxist organization.

The advice came yesterday from the official Ceylon Tourist Board. About 1,000 tourists on the island are affected.

The call from the Tourist Board came after staff in hotels in the south, acting on the orders of the Marxist extremist People's Liberation Front, demonstrated against the Government on Monday.

Hotel owners said tourists were left high and dry with no services, and staff attendance yesterday was still poor in some hotels.

There was immediate speculation that the tourist board's move was the forerunner of a crackdown on the liberation front. But Mr Lalith Athulathmudalai, the Minister of National Security, said the decision had been taken by the board and not the Government.

At a stormy meeting with the tourist board chairman, the travel agents said Sri Lanka had had many crises in the past five years, but at no

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Baker blames 'swinging sixties' for today's ills

Mr Kenneth Baker: leadership appeal?

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

A sweeping denunciation of the permissive society spawned by the moral and cultural upheaval of the 1960s was delivered last night by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in a speech that will be widely interpreted as an attempt to broaden his appeal in any future contest for the Conservative leadership.

Mr Baker, widely regarded as a liberal on social policy, blamed the churches, sociologists, the media, teachers, parents and the universities for what he regarded as the contemporary blurring of the distinction between right and wrong.

Soap opera stars revelling in the notoriety of their screen and private lives were singled out for particular criticism, being accused of *robbing* children of their innocence and undermining respect for adults. He said that responsibility for the "moral ambiguities" of today lay with the so-called liberalization advocated in the sixties.

"That great time of 'do your own thing', 'let it all hang out', and the four letter word: I sometimes think that the only four letter word which trendy parents shrank from using was the word 'don't'," he said when presenting the Rivington Lecture in Bolton, Greater Manchester.

Mr Baker, a former Heathite, has established a reputation among Conser*vative MPs as one of the Government's* most persuasive presenters without entirely shrugging off the suspicion that he is fundamentally ill at ease with Thatcherite radicalism.

Pinning his colours firmly to the traditionalist mast, he said that he did not believe that it was unrealistic to seek to define good and evil, right and wrong.

"I believe that it is unrealistic for society to function harmoniously if it does not establish such definitions. It is precisely the reluctance of those with a responsibility to do so which has led to the situation we face today."

But Mr Baker reserved some of his harshest words for the popular Press and television.

"When some actors and actresses *receive the rewards of celebrity for the* notoriety of their screen and real-life characters this invites young people to draw their own conclusions about what it takes to be a success in life."

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- Two readers shared yesterday's £4,000 daily prize (see **page 3**), so the Portfolio Accumulator stands at £290,000.

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Praise for Princess

The Princess of Wales in Paris yesterday, where she was praised by one of the discoverers of the Aids virus for associating herself publicly with the fight against the disease.

As she toured the research laboratories of the Institut Pasteur, the Prince of Wales was congratulating Paris for the restoration work on its buildings ....Page 8

Paper to close

The *North West Times*, the Manchester-based morning regional newspaper launched in September, is to close with the loss of 50 jobs, it was announced last night.

Ex-envoy dies

Mr Kingman Brewster, US Ambassador to London from 1977 to 1981 and Master of University College, Oxford, since 1986, died in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

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Clue to killing of fun run soldiers

RUC detectives believe they have made an important breakthrough in tracking down the IRA unit responsible for the bombing last June in which six off-duty British soldiers were killed at a fun run in Lisburn. The breakthrough comes after an RUC crackdown at the weekend which led to the arrest of six IRA gunmen and the discovery of more than 2,000lbs of home-made explosives, mortars, bomb-timing devices and ammunition. Police now suspect that an IRA member apprehended on Saturday at the Down Royal racecourse near Lisburn belongs to a small IRA cell specializing in attaching Semtex bombs to vehicles.

The arrest was made after a bomb was discovered under an RUC minibus used by officers on duty at the race meeting.

Yesterday, the RUC found 400lbs of home-made explosives under floorboards in Andersonstown, the area where they found bombs and other weapons and amunition on Saturday.

Food poisoning up

Britain is having its worst year in living memory for cases of food poisoning, some of them fatal, Dr Richard Gilbert, director of the food hygiene laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service, said yesterday. Most of the illnesses involve salmonella bacteria, but other organisms, which can survive and continue to grow in refrigerated foods, pose increasing problems. Up to 30,000 people are likely to have been taken ill this year as a result of food poisoning.

Bank in property fight

A farmer who is sueing his bank for negligence in lending him too much money yesterday lost his battle to prevent the bank seeking possession of his house and farm. Mr Timothy Russell-Smith, aged 40, of Lower Wern, Mitchel Troy, Monmouth, Gwent, is claiming £63,000 from the National Westminster Bank, alleging that it knew he was a newcomer to farming, was anxious not to overcommit himself, and was relying on it not to allow him to borrow more than his business could sustain.

Oil threatens birds

Booms and pumps were used last night to clean the River Clyst near Exeter, Devon, last night after thousands of birds were put at risk by the spillage of 5,000 gallons of diesel oil near a nature reserve in the Exe estuary. About 20 birds were rescued. "The Clyst and the Exe, which is fed by it, are extremely important areas for birds", the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said. "At the moment there are thousands there, including waders from Scandinavia and 65 avocets, 2,000 Brent geese and 3,000 oyster catchers."

Enniskillen's tribute

The families of those who died in the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bombing and injured survivors attended a simple anniversary ceremony at the town's war memorial yesterday. Relatives of those killed assembled where a building came crashing down in the bombing and where most of the 11 deaths occurred. As the time approached at which the IRA bomb exploded last year, the 40 relatives stepped forward and Julian Armstrong, aged 16, who lost his parents, placed a wreath at the memorial.

£8m police complex

Britain's first purpose-built regional centre for training police in riot control tactics and the use of firearms is to be built in the West Midlands. The Home Office has given the go-ahead for the first stage of the £8 million complex to be built close to Birmingham International Airport on 100 acres of Green Belt land. It will include a mock-up street scene for realistic public order training using riot gear.

White Paper on low-interest cash for undergraduates

Baker faces student loans battle

By Sam Kiley
Higher Education Reporter

A scheme to introduce student loans to supplement the existing maintenance grant paid to undergraduates is expected to be revealed in a White Paper today.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, is likely to propose a system of top up loans of up to £1,000 – paid to undergraduates in stages over three years.

Those would be paid by commercial banks and building societies at below market interest rates, and would be guaranteed and subsidized by the Treasury.

Grants, which are expected to go up for the last time in September next year by 5 per cent from £2,547 inside and £2,153 outside London, will be frozen from September 1990, by which time the Government hopes to have loans in place.

Parental contributions which are paid by the 70 per cent of parents who earn too much to qualify for a full maintenance grant, will also be frozen.

According to department figures the value of the maintenance grant has fallen by 21 per cent in real terms over the past six years.

Critics of the proposals say a loans scheme financed by the commercial sector would be inefficient, costly, and likely to deter students from poor backgrounds from entering higher education.

Mr Jack Straw, shadow Secretary of State for Education, yesterday accused the Government of "pulling the grants ladder of opportunity up behind them". He added: "Of 46 government ministers in the Commons born after 1942, 39 went to university. Of the 46 at least 37 – 80 per cent – appear to have benefited from the student grant system, with at least their tuition fees paid in full. There is nothing more nauseating than to see people who themselves benefited from such opportunities now intent on denying them to others."

The National Union of Students said if the Government goes ahead with the top-up loans proposals they would be the "first step to replace the grants system with a full loans system.

"We believe that grants are the best way to increase access to higher education and that any loans system would be very off-putting to students in socio-economic groups four and five."

According to Mr Robert Jackson, Minister for Higher Education, 8 per cent of university undergraduates and 12 per cent of polytechnic students come from these groups – which make up 23 per cent of the British population.

According to Dr John Barnes and Dr Nicholas Barr of the London School of Economics, authors of *Strategies for Higher Education, the Alternative White Paper*, the Government is likely to run into trouble both with the Treasury and the commercial sector over the loans proposals.

They say banks will not be prepared to lend the money unless students are underwritten by the Treasury. However, according to Treasury rules the whole of the guaranteed sum will have to be added to the annual figure for public expenditure.

The Building Societies Association, involved in discussions on loans with the department, refused to comment on the White Paper.

It did, however, agree there are "attractions to recruiting customers who are likely to be high earners in the future, but obvious risks in lending to people who are on low incomes in the short term".

Strategies for Higher Education, the Alternative White Paper (Aberdeen University Press; £6.95).

Poorest 'losing out under new benefit system'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Thousands of the poorest people on means-tested benefits are worse off under the new social security system introduced in April, according to a survey published yesterday.

The study showed that four out of five benefit claimants on income support seen by citizens' advice bureaux, had lost under the changes.

It also showed that the introduction of stricter targeting has discouraged many people entitled to benefit from claiming, fuelling the present dispute over extending means testing.

"This is a blistering report which explodes the claims made by ministers for their reforms of the social security system", Mr Robin Cook, Labour's social security spokesman, said.

The analysis by the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux of 30,000 inquiries to their offices throughout the UK also showed that key aspects of the new system are undermining work incentives. Several clients found that they would lose so many benefits if they got a job that it was not worth it.

Many were deterred from applying for the social fund, a system of discretionary loans and grants which replaces single payments, as they feared they would get further into debt.

Nearly four-fifths of applications for grants and 64 per cent of those for loans were refused.

Seven per cent of applicants were refused loans because they were considered too poor to be able to repay the debt, the report says.

The social fund restrictions were also making it more difficult for the homeless to take up rented housing and the jobless to start work.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister for Social Security, dismissed the survey as "old news" based on a very small sample. He said the data had been compiled one week after the benefit changes.

The Social Security Act: First Impressions. National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 115-123 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LZ.

Class at the Commons

Mr Jack Straw, the Opposition education spokesman, discussing political tactics with Sarah Pullen, aged 17, a pupil at Sir Wilfred Martineau school, Birmingham, and Steven Cartmell, aged 16, from the Simon Digby comprehensive school, Solihull. The students spent yesterday morning shadowing Mr Straw at Labour's frontbench education team meeting at the House of Commons, before listening to education questions and Prime Minister's Questions in the chamber. The teenagers showed particular interest in a question about the Government's progress with the new City Technology Colleges. The first of those, Kingshurst, in Solihull, was opened officially by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last week. Labour says that college threatens the future of Steven's school. Mr Baker rejected criticism that Kingshurst was taking talented pupils from other schools or adversely affecting pupil numbers elsewhere.

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Habgood defends Crockford affair role

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

Controversy over the Preface to *Crockford's Clerical Directory* last year "released a huge reservoir of disaffection" in the Church of England, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, says in an account of his role in the affair.

However, Dr Habgood says that both the Preface and supporting comment on it were based on a misreading of the problems of the church. "Catholic fundamentalism is no more viable than biblical fundamentalism, and no more capable of being validated by historical inquiry", he says.

Dr Habgood was criticized in the church for issuing a statement attacking both the Preface and its then anonymous author shortly before Dr Gareth Bennett, who wrote the article, committed suicide.

He described the Preface as sour and vindictive, and hoped "the public will treat this abuse of privilege with the contempt it deserves".

In *Confessions of a Conservative Liberal*, published by the Society for the Propagation of Christian Literature, Dr Habgood repeats his statement and denies it was a hasty response. He says that after his death, Dr Bennett "began to be presented as a misunderstood prophet who had dared to criticize an all-powerful establishment, been savaged by it, and died in despair at a church which had rejected him". Dr Habgood says the main factor in the suicide was media pressure.

● A proposal to guarantee a minimum of 24 black members for the General Synod after the next synodical elections would be illegal as it stands, according to counsel.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, who was asked to advise on the proposal, said it would contravene Section 25 of the *Race Relations Act*. The synod could pass a measure which would have to go before Parliament or persuade the Home Secretary to lay an order granting exemption.

● The Rev Aaron Ndebele, Moderator of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, said in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, yesterday he had not been told of the suspension of *Lord Mackay of Clashfern*, Lord Chancellor.

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Gunman 'threatened to shoot police' after 85-mile chase

By David Sapsted

A gunman shot dead after a 13-hour chase through the West Country threatened to "take a few of them with me" before advancing on a police roadblock in a quiet country lane, an inquest in Devon heard yesterday.

Glyn Davies, aged 29, was at the centre of a kidnap drama when he went on the run with his daughter Nikki, aged three, last November. Police had arrived at his home in Chard, Somerset, to enforce a court order giving custody of the child to his estranged wife.

During the 85-mile chase, Davies — nicknamed "The Wild Man of Chard" — twice fired from his van at pursuing police vehicles, Mr Richard van Oppen, the Exeter and East Devon coroner, was told at the inquest at Cullompton, Devon.

When the van was finally stopped in a lane near Chard, he told a woman friend travelling with him: "I'm dead meat now. I will take a few of them with me when they take me."

Mrs Lynette Garrett, a divorcee who was with Davies during the chase, said that he then emptied his pockets of loose change, told her to "buy a last drink on me" and walked towards the police cordon, brandishing a pump-action shotgun. The gun was discovered later to be empty.

"The police started shouting at him that they were armed and to put his gun down.

"Glyn took no notice and continued to stagger towards the police vehicles no more than 10 to 15yds away. Glyn shouted back: 'Come on then, shoot me if you are going to'," Mrs Garrett said.

The woman said she ran towards another police car clutching the child. "She asked me what her dad was going to do and I had her head buried so she couldn't see."

Davies was killed by a shot fired by Police Constable Colin Shaw, armed with a shotgun, after two other shots fired by a colleague with a Smith and Wesson pistol missed the man.

Mrs Garrett said Davies had been "distraught" and getting increasingly drunk as she drove him first to Exeter and then through winding roads with the police in pursuit.

Davies's widow, who said he had frequently been violent towards her particularly when he had been drinking, told the inquest of the terror she experienced when she accompanied the police and a bailiff to serve the court order.

She said her husband had walked towards her, aiming the borrowed shotgun.

"I was terrified and thought he was going to kill us. My husband had threatened to kill me on a number of occasions if I ever left him", she said.

Police Constable John Doe, who had accompanied Mrs Davies to the house in Chard, said that when Davies appeared he found himself looking down the barrel of the gun.

"I though I was going to die. If provoked, he would have fired the gun at me, the other policeman, his wife and the bailiff if he was able to", he said.

Dr Bill Hunt, a Home Office pathologist, said Davies died after being struck by six large shotgun pellets, five in the abdomen.

Davies was heavily tattooed with pictures of an Indian and an eagle. Other tattoos bore the initials HMB (Her Majesty's Borstal), HMDC (Her Majesty's Detention Centre) and ACAB, which Dr Hunt took to mean "All Cops Are Bastards".

The inquest continues today.

Visiting head towers over guard

President Abdou Diouf of Senegal reaches the height of the bearskins of a guard of honour after his arrival at Victoria station, London, yesterday. President Diouf, who is 6 ft 6 in tall, was met by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family, as well as Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, at the start of a four-day state visit. He will hold talks with Mrs Thatcher and ministers.

M61 crash tanker driver cleared

By Ian Smith

A diesel tanker driver was cleared of blame yesterday for one of Britain's worst motorway crashes, in which 13 people died.

The jury of seven men and five women at Preston Crown Court found Mr David Dawson, aged 25, innocent of two specimen charges of causing death by reckless driving.

The crash, involving nine vehicles, happened under a bridge on the M61 near Preston, Lancashire, on October 28 last year.

Mr Dawson said through his solicitor that he was immensely relieved at the verdict.

Mr Nicholas Ross, the solicitor, said that Mr Dawson, a former chef who obtained a HGV licence two years ago, was distressed about the incident. Though personally absolved of blame, he felt the deepest sympathy for relatives of those killed.

Six children were among those who died in the crash at Walton Summit, where a mile-long tailback of slow-moving traffic was filtering into a queue of vehicles approaching roadworks.

Mr Dawson, who is unmarried and lives with his parents in Warwick Close, Bury, Lancashire, said in evidence that the accident was caused by a vehicle which swung in front of him and caused him to brake violently his 22-tonne tanker loaded with 17,000 litres of diesel fuel.

His head smashed against the windscreen as he applied his brakes and he lost consciousness.

Firemen fought for several hours to contain the blaze, which erupted after petrol spewed from the ruptured tanks of vehicles.

Crash victims named in the specimen charges included Mr Maurice Nutter, aged 74, a pensioner, of Enerdale Road, Leigh, Lancashire, whose Metro car was buried under breeze blocks from a lorry in front.

Also named in a specimen charge was Mr Richard Wainwright of Chester Avenue, Little Lever, Bolton, Lancashire, who was one of six people killed in a Ford Fiesta carrying a family to a day out in Blackpool.

Violence in schools

Teachers report 535 attacks in a year

By David Tytler, Education Editor

The first detailed analysis of school violence shows there were 535 reported attacks on staff in inner London schools and colleges in one academic year.

A report published by the Health and Safety Executive, which does not name the Inner London Education Authority, is based on Ilea's 1985-86 figures for all injuries to pupils and staff on or near its premises.

Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers and former head of Eltham Green, south London, an Ilea comprehensive school, said yesterday: "I am not at all surprised by these statistics which contradict the complacent claims of Ilea that there are very few assaults on teachers in London".

However, an Ilea spokesman said yesterday: "This is a very difficult and emotive area. One of the problems is in defining what is meant by assault. Many of the cases were, of course, very distressing for those involved but very few took any time off to recover.

"There is a great deal of anxiety which is not borne out by the facts."

The spokesman said statistics kept since 1980 had remained constant.

The report, compiled by the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, shows that the highest incidence of violence took place in special schools but that the highest number of injuries were caused when staff tried to separate fighting pupils in ordinary schools.

Of those 91 incidents, only 18 took place in special schools. The report says: "These appear to be deliberate assaults on staff who attempted to stop pupils from fighting".

Most of the 65 attacks on education staff attempting to restrain pupils were on teachers who were hit, kicked, bitten or pushed.

In more than half the cases a pupil was having a temper tantrum or being violent, and the teachers intervened to prevent the pupil hurting himself or others.

The remaining attacks were on staff who physically stopped pupils from doing something they should not have been doing, for example, leaving the classroom.

Thirty-six attacks were in special schools — six while on school outings — and four of the children who went berserk in ordinary schools were also disturbed in some way.

Other incidents included 57 seemingly unprovoked attacks on staff; teachers being hit by one pupil while taking another to the headmaster for disciplining; an ancilliary worker being bitten on the leg by an infant pupil who had been told to stop clinging to her; several teachers were targets for stones, bags, pencil rubbers and cans.

And the attacks were not just by pupils. Fourteen teachers were attacked by parents or relations. In one case a father objected to a teacher disciplining his child.

The report says when it came to investigate school violence it discovered that very few local education authorities kept detailed records of assaults on staff.

The report says that before any solutions can be suggested more work must be done on preparing detailed statistics, giving ages and previous history of the pupils and their families.

The government inquiry into school violence led by Lord Elton is expected to report to Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, by the end of the year and is likely to recommend a national system for recording incidents and suggest ways of dealing with classroom attacks.

NATURE OF ATTACKS INVESTIGATED

	Number	%
Attacked while disciplining pupils		
Intervening in fighting between pupils	91	18.0
Physically restraining a pupil	65	13.0
Apparently unprovoked assault	57	11.0
Excluding pupil from classroom etc	37	7.0
Dealing with disobedient pupils	26	5.0
Other	12	2.0
Confiscating property	4	1.0
Attacks from some distance		
Missiles thrown at school staff	10	2.0
Snowball attacks	6	1.0
School staff hit by airgun pellets	2	0.5
Attacks by pupils' families		
Teachers attacked by pupils' relations	14	3.0
Attacks on other education staff	6	1.0
Assaults while challenging intruders	28	5.5
Robberies		
Robberies on education premises	8	1.5
Caretakers attacked to and from bank	5	1.0
Handbag snatches off premises	2	0.5
Others		
Too little information to classify	63	12.5
Accidental	50	10.0
Miscellaneous assaults	18	3.5

Preventing Violence to Staff, Barry Poyner and Caroline Warne, of the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations for the Health and Safety Executive, Stationery Office £3.75.

Place of reported attack

Type of school	No	*Rate
Ordinary	285	0.23
Special:		
Boarding	77	2.48
Day	97	1.31
Hospital	25	4.16
Colleges	19	-
Other	32	-

*Per school

Shop stewards in the classroom

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

The first agreement between a school and a trade union to allow shop stewards into the classroom is due to be signed in Humberside today.

The Transport and General Workers' Union, Britain's biggest, says the move is intended to counter what it claims is the influence of big business in schools. Hundreds of firms now have links with education, but this is the first formal deal between a union and a school.

The agreement with the Archbishop Thurstan School, a 600-pupil comprehensive in Hull, will allow shop stewards to tell pupils about "the reality of life in industry".

Mr Paul Redgate, the union's regional organizer for Humberside, said: "Until now, links between schools and industries have meant companies going into schools.

"We accept that we have rather missed the boat so far and we are now running to catch up. The important thing is to get our message across about the realities of the world of work."

As well as bringing shop stewards into schools, the agreement will allow pupils to go into industry to see trade union officials at work.

The link between the school and the union is intended as a pilot for what the union hopes will become a nationwide system of contacts between education and trade unions.

Mr Redgate said pupils were often told by employers about the products they made but rarely about the hazards involved for workers.

He added: "Obviously we will be setting out our stall to a certain extent in that we hope that when school leavers come to join a trade union it will be ours."

Mr Gerald Broadbent, the school's headmaster, said: "Both ourselves and the union are determined that this will not be a recruitment exercise for the union and we are very alive to allegations of indoctrination."

The union's influence would be limited to study projects and would be particularly valuable for pupils studying trade unions as part of GCSE History and Economics courses.

The new union link fitted well with the Hull Compact — a scheme under which 50 local employers guarantee jobs to school leavers — and employers had welcomed the transport union's involvement, he said.

- A unit for 100 children with dyslexia is to be set up in a new city technology college in Croydon, south London. The college will replace Sylvan High comprehensive school in Croydon, if the borough council gets permission for the college, sponsored by Sir Philip Harris, founder of the Harris Queensway stores.

A group of parents at Sylvan High will fight the proposals.

£500,000 cash card plot

Two men who plotted to steal £500,000 from bank cash dispensers using 6,000 forged cash cards were jailed yesterday.

The men bought an air-conditioned Ford Granada car and, with their wives, raided machines in Walsall, Milton Keynes, Watford and Birmingham, Mr Richard Carr, for the prosecution, told Acton Crown Court, west London. They stole £18,000 from more than 50 machines in London.

Later the men criss-crossed the country delving into more cash dispensers. But police tracked them after a tip from the National Westminster central computer office.

John Kriskimans, aged 32, a former pet shop owner who lived in Lanzarote on the profits of the fraud, told the court he found out how to copy the cards from a computer magazine given away at an exhibition in Birmingham.

Police found Kriskimans' wife Dawn, aged 23, and another couple, Philip Atkiss, aged 33, and his wife, Anita, aged 31, at a London hotel with a £3,450 computer.

At the Atkiss's home in Cherrington Gardens, Wolverhampton, detectives discovered "a mine of fraud together with a myriad of false names, addresses and bank accounts".

After their arrest Kriskimans told detectives that he and Atkiss had earlier defrauded banks of £72,800. They stole up to 30 cars worth around £8,000 each, sold them at auctions, and put the cash into bogus bank accounts.

They quickly found the accounts were credited and that money could be withdrawn from dispensers without their coming face to face with bank staff. No money has been recovered.

The men both pleaded guilty to conspiring to defraud banks using 292 bogus accounts, and conspiring to steal cars. Mrs Atkiss was convicted of conspiring to defraud. She was jailed for three years and ordered to pay £30,000 costs.

Her husband was jailed for eight years and ordered to pay £18,900 compensation to the Midland Bank, £5,000 to the Yorkshire Bank and £5,000 costs.

Kriskimans was jailed for six years. His wife was fined £500 and ordered to pay £100 compensation to the Midland Bank.

The computer and the Ford Granada were seized.

Girl 'would have heard rape'

By Michael Horsnell

If a rape at a physiotherapist's surgery had happened the way it had been described, the victim and her assailant would have fallen into an adjoining cubicle where a young athlete was receiving treatment, a court was told yesterday.

Miss Nicole Simmons said she had been at the surgery at the time the rape had allegedly occurred and nothing abnormal had happened.

When she left the surgery the alleged victim had gone, Miss Simmons told the High Court in Chelmsford yesterday during a civil action by a primary school teacher who is seeking aggravated damages against her physiotherapist for trespass to the person.

It is the first time an alleged rape victim has sued for damages when there has been no criminal conviction.

The woman, now aged 25, began the action after the Director of Public Prosecutions abandoned criminal proceedings. She had told the court she was alone in the surgery at 2.30pm on December 23, 1985, for treatment to an injured shoulder. She accused the man, aged 47, of rape and acts of indecency.

Miss Simmons said she too had a 2.30pm appointment that day. Her mother had sat near the bed while she underwent treatment and was next to the curtain separating them from the cubicle in which the rape allegedly took place.

Miss Simmons, then aged 14, said the physiotherapist had spent most of the hour-long appointment treating her. Nothing unusual had happened nor were there any unusual sounds, she said.

Dr Gerald Silverman, a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, said the plaintiff was psychiatrically disturbed and could have dreamed up the ordeal.

He added that when she went for physiotherapy treatment there were strong indications that the injury to her shoulder was a psychosomatic manifestation.

Mr Eamonn Martin, the British Olympics athlete, said he had attended the physiotherapist's surgery on the afternoon of the alleged rape but heard or saw nothing unusual.

The case continues.

Portfolio PLUS *Accumulator*

Mr Hugh George, from Kenley, south London, was one of two winners who shared the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 yesterday.

Mr George, aged 54, said he would be putting the money towards his daughter's wedding next year.

The other winner was Mr David Kerr, aged 72, from Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

'Yardie leader' deported

Errol Codling, a West Indian reggae musician accused of being a leading figure among the Yardies, the Jamaican drugs and extortion gangs, was deported from Britain yesterday. Codling, aged 31, also known as "Rankin' Dread", is said to have entered Britain with a false passport three years ago.

Babies survive

Infant death rates in England and Wales have dropped to the lowest levels ever recorded. Last year perinatal mortality, including stillbirths and deaths in the first week of life, fell to 8.9 per 1,000 births; while deaths of babies aged under one year fell to 9.2 per 1,000.

Death charges

Two men were remanded in custody by Merthyr Tydfil magistrates, Mid Glamorgan, yesterday on charges connected with the death on Sunday of Irene Morgan, aged four, by dangerous driving.

Libel award

Lord Cardigan, of Savernake Lodge, Marlborough, Wiltshire, was awarded substantial libel damages and costs in the High Court yesterday for an article in *The Daily Telegraph* on his actions after police barred hippies from Stonehenge in July 1985.

Nobel sale off

The son of Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, yesterday won a High Court order stopping Sotheby's auction of his father's Nobel Prize for medicine tomorrow.

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Trust denied

Planners in Leeds have rejected a scheme by the Holbeck Triangle Trust to build a £600,000, 120ft brick man sculpture on derelict land in the city centre because of access problems.

Force's chief

Mr John Evans, aged 45, deputy chief constable of the Surrey police force, was named yesterday as the new chief constable of Devon and Cornwall Police in succession to Mr Donald Elliott.

TV star wins

Television personality Jeremy Beadle won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday for inaccurate allegations in the *Sunday Sport* newspaper.

Safety chief

Mr Maurice Holmes has been appointed British Rail's first director of safety. He was previously director of operations at the British Railways Board's headquarters.

More potatoes

This year's potato crop is expected to be marginally higher than last year's, at about 6.5 million tonnes, but wastage from blight, rot, greening and cracking is likely to be above average, the Potato Marketing Board said yesterday.

Duchy rejected

A plan by the Duchy of Cornwall to convert farm buildings at Pillaton, near Saltash, Cornwall, into a house and craft workshops has been rejected by a government planning inspector.

The changing face of agriculture

National park farmers lead a rural revolution

By Peter Davenport

A thin, autumn mist hung over the higher reaches of the Upper Farndale valley in the North York Moors National Park yesterday, partly veiling a view from Eric Featherstone's farm that has changed little over the centuries.

Mr Featherstone, aged 48, is the third generation of his family to have worked Broomhill Farm on the western slopes of the valley in the past 100 years.

In that time, he reflected yesterday, the landscape and the people had remained much the same. But now Mr Featherstone and his 11 neighbouring farmers in the valley are to be part of a rural revolution that may determine the way farming and the countryside will develop in the twenty-first century. They are among 50 farmers taking part in a joint initiative by the Council for National Parks and the North York Moors National Park which will encourage and pay them to undertake conservation work to maintain and enhance the countryside.

The problems of over production of food and rising costs of the Common Agricultural Policy within the EEC have provoked intense discussion about the future of farming.

Part of that debate deals with the impact of modern farming on the environment and the need to encourage new methods which conserve the landscape and wildlife.

National Park authorities have been at the forefront of the debate as it is acknowledged that the outstanding landscapes of the parks owe much to the activities of farmers within their boundaries. Dr Roy Brown, head of advisory services in the North York Moors National Park, said yesterday: "The scheme is not only a model for the way farming will go in national parks, but for the way farming throughout the country will develop".

Farming policy can no longer be aimed just at producing food and farmers will have to become skilled at all aspects of land management.

Under the programme, farmers will be paid to restore hay meadows and heather moorland, repair dry stone walls and hedgerows, de-intensify farmed land to improve the landscape and encourage wildlife, protect traditional farm buildings and maintain public rights of way.

It also offers financial incentives to cut down on stock numbers and to reintroduce traditional shepherding techniques to aid good land management. The scheme breaks new ground because it offers incentives covering activities throughout the farm.

The North York Moors National Park committee will formally approve the scheme today and officials expect to raise the finance from the Department of the Environment, EEC, Nature Conservancy Council, Countryside Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture.

The initial programme is designed to run for five years with costs in the first year running at £200,000 rising to £1 million by which time it will be available to all 750 farmers within the 553 square miles of the park in North Yorkshire and Cleveland.

Mr Featherstone and his neighbours welcome the scheme. He said: "This valley is one of the few places left which is original. The landscape and people are the same and we want to co-operate to keep it that way."

Britain in 2020

A car for nearly every home

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

By the year 2020 almost every home in Britain will have a car, a washing machine, refrigerator, telephone and central heating.

Saturation for key household goods will come in the mid 1990s, with telephones proving more popular than washing machines or central heating.

Fuelled by growing incomes, practically every home is expected to own a car in 30 to 40 years when there will be 36 million cars on British roads compared with an estimated 21 million in 1988.

In the past three years car ownership in Britain is estimated to have risen by about 600,000 annually. According to an independent forecasting study carried out at the Cranfield School of Management by Dr John Hackworth, Ford's director of commercial vehicle sales, the average number of cars in each home is expected to double to 1.85 by the year 2050.

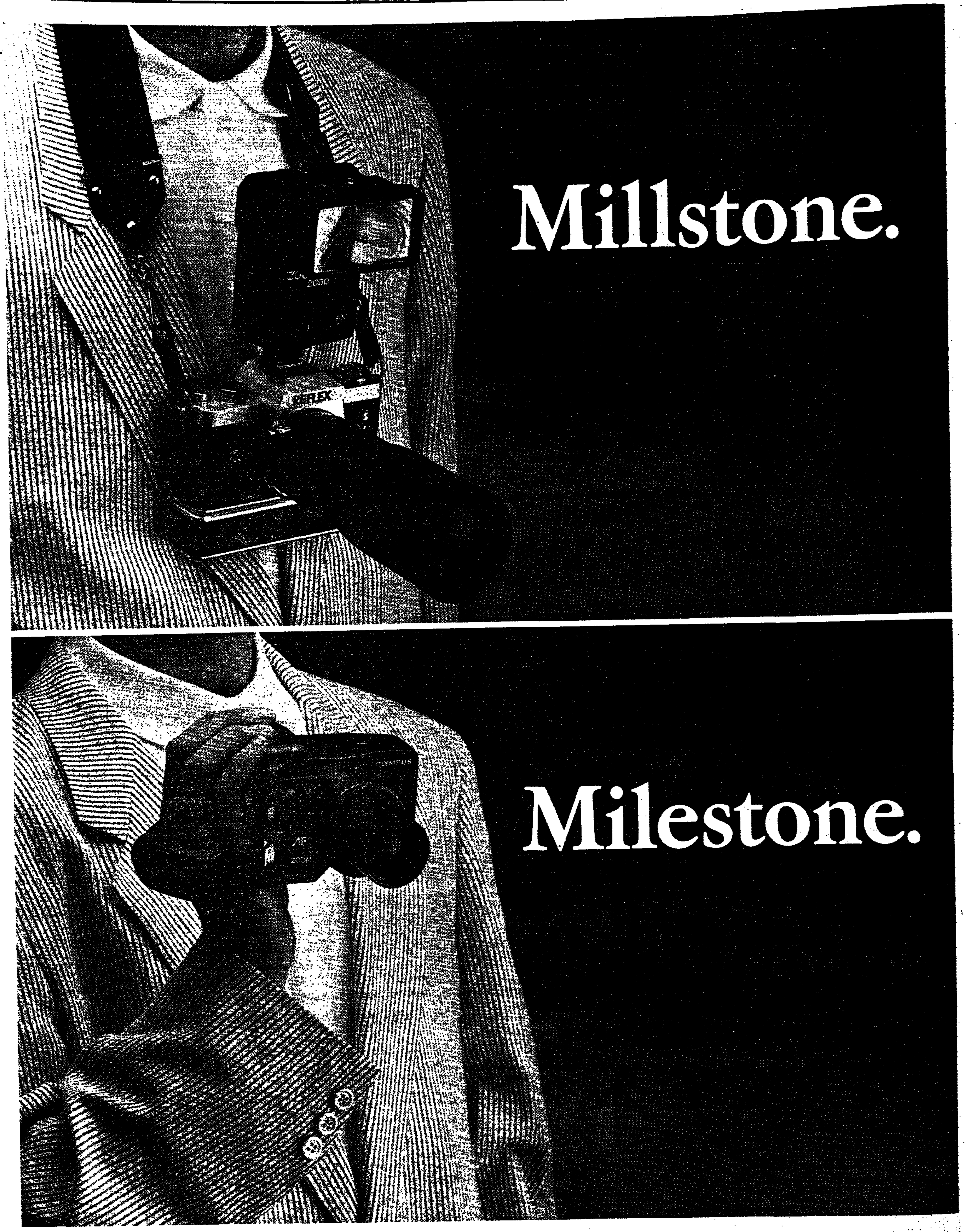
"Given a sufficient increase in income, who would not own a car? Not many people", Dr Hackworth emphasized.

"We are halfway to saturation for cars and total saturation will be reached in 30 to 40 years with most households owning two cars. At that time three quarters of the homes in Britain are forecast to have two cars and 15 per cent will have three vehicles."

There is a marked difference in the forecast growth for durables that are considered personal and those that are strictly household items, Dr Hackworth said.

Televisions are becoming personal goods with more than one in each home, while it is unlikely a home will have more than one washing machine.

He said that for social rather than economic reasons, the new generation of household durables such as videos and home computers may not reach the saturation levels of refrigerators and telephones.



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Health policy team attacks 'piecemeal' primary care plans

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government's proposals on primary health care could lead to a piecemeal and fragmented service with different authorities working against each other, health policy analysts warn today.

A highly critical report by the King's Fund Institute also claims that under current spending plans there may not be enough resources to carry through even the limited changes proposed, which rely partly on the new charges for dental and eye tests.

It accuses the Government of concentrating too narrowly on GP services in its White Paper on primary care, *Promoting Better Health*, and ignoring the effect of recent policies on acute and community care. Many proposals in the paper are contradictory, take little account of quality of care, and run counter to the document published at the same time on community nursing, it says.

The report's author, Miss Linda Marks, fears that the Government's response to the Griffiths report on community care, not expected until early next year, may also be ignored in the current White Paper negotiations.

"The Government must initiate a much wider review of primary care co-ordinating the different authorities to ensure we do not get a piecemeal and fragmented service", Miss Marks said yesterday. She cited proposals to give financial incentives to general practitioners to reach targets in certain areas such as cervical smears and immunization rates when the actual procedure would often be undertaken by a health visitor or nurse employed by the health authority.

Similarly care for priority groups could either be the responsibility of primary health care teams or of hospital outreach services, which are both funded by different budgets.

Plans to introduce incentives for preventive health could perversely penalize the more deprived struggling inner-city practices and favour practices in affluent areas with an expanding population, she added.

Exposing the other "surprising gaps" in the White Paper the document says: "Health promotion and prevention are the only aspects of primary health care discussed in detail, again largely in isolation with no mention of the role of other sectors of the NHS, local authorities or voluntary organizations".

It notes that, although the White Paper emphasized the collaboration of family practitioner services, which administer primary care services, with district health authorities, it does not say how this should be achieved.

The report says that the Government is unable to cost its proposals until negotiations have been completed with the profession and the estimates allowed in current spending plans may not be enough to implement the proposals effectively.

Miss Marks says that legislative changes proposed in the Health and Medicines Bill would lead to new primary care authorities which could co-ordinate both GP and community health services. Under the Bill parts of GPs' budgets, which pay for ancillary staff such as practice nurses and receptionists, will be cash limited for the first time, and subject to negotiation with the family practitioner committee.

These committees will also have control over setting targets on preventive services eligible for financial incentives. The report suggests that these plans to give the committees greater budgetary and monitoring powers could lead to "new and expanded health care organizations". This could tie in with proposals for GPs to have budgetary control over some hospital services, now being discussed in the Prime Minister's review.

Promoting Better Health? An Analysis of the Government's Programme for Primary Health Care (The King's Fund Institute, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF; £3.95).

UK deaths from Aids top 1,000

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

More than 1,000 people in the United Kingdom have died from Aids, representing the first of a series of "sombre milestones", Mr David Mellor, the Minister for Health, said yesterday.

Latest figures from the Department of Health show that up to the end of last month 1,002 deaths from the disease, most among homosexual men, have been recorded since 1982, with the total number of cases reaching 1,862.

The comparable figures at the end of September were 1,794 cases of illness and 965 deaths. "This is a sombre milestone in the fight against Aids and only the first, I fear, in what will be a series of such milestones", Mr Mellor said.

"Today's cumulative death toll reinforces once again the message that we underestimate Aids at our peril. But there is nothing inevitable about increasing numbers of people, so many of them young and in the prime of life, succumbing to this disease.

"Changes of lifestyle can stop Aids dead in its tracks.

Study to monitor GP referral rates

By Our Social Services Correspondent

A pilot study to investigate variations in the rates at which general practitioners refer patients to hospital has been set up by the Government.

The study, aimed at using resources more effectively, is being carried out jointly with East Anglian regional health authority and follows comments by health ministers that some GPs refer 20 times more patients than others.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State for Health, has already warned of a crackdown on GPs with unnecessarily high referral rates and has suggested that more treatment, such as minor surgery, could be carried out in GPs' surgeries.

Ministers will be looking at the study to see whether savings can be made if doctors refer fewer patients to expensive hospital-based services.

However doctors in East Anglia yesterday said the new information systems were designed to benefit patient care by ensuring that GPs referred more appropriately.

Under the new system doctors will be given detailed information about which patients they refer to which hospital specialty. Then doctors will be asked to explain abnormally high or low rates under a system of peer review.

"The information will only be useful if GPs can use it to monitor their own standards and explore the reasons which underlie differences in referral rates", Dr Tim Moore, specialist in community medicine at the East Anglian regional health authority, said.

Once this is established other systems can be built on to discover the outcome of patient treatment.

The process, with additional financial information, would help GPs decide how to use resources more effectively.

This would be essential if GPs were made budget holders for both primary and hospital care, an idea being pushed by the Secretary of State for Health in the Prime Minister's review of the National Health Service.

The project will take three years but initial information on GP referrals will be available by next summer.

Whitbread winners celebrate

Prize winners: Salman Rushdie, Peter Porter, Judy Allen, A N Wilson, and Paul Sayer (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

By Philip Howard
Literary Editor

The five category winners for the Whitbread Prize, Britain's most valuable literary award, are the "alleged" runner-up in the Booker Prize, another of our established novelists, a staff nurse in a psychiatric hospital, a freelance children's writer, and one of the most prominent poets in English.

They were chosen from more than 400 entries. Each receives £1,500, and goes on to the final of the Whitbread Book of the Year on January 24, with the chance of winning another £20,000. They are:

Novel:

Salman Rushdie for ***The Satanic Verses*** (Viking, £12.95), the novel Michael Foot, chairman of the judges, wanted to win the Booker. It is a tumultuous political and moral parable about contemporary Britain and India, in which two Indian megastars, having miraculously survived a jumbo jet explosion at 30,000 ft, find themselves changing strangely, one into angel, the other into devil. Salman Rushdie won the Booker in 1981 for *Midnight's Children*. He was born in Bombay in 1947, the son of a businessman, went to Rugby and Cambridge, and has been a successful advertising copywriter and a professional outsider.

First Novel:

Paul Sayer for ***The Comforts of Madness*** (Constable, £9.95). He was born 33 years ago in South Milford, Leeds, and is a staff nurse in a psychiatric hospital in York. His first novel gets inside the twilight world of catatonic Peter. Speechless and rigid, he is pushed from ward to therapy unit to rehabilitation centre, offering those who feed, wipe, dress and cajole him no clue to his mental state. "We know you're in there, Peter" they cry in exasperation — and indeed he is, looking out from behind his expressionless face, observing them in detail.

Poetry:

Peter Porter for ***The Automatic Oracle*** (Oxford, £4.95). Porter's latest collection is preoccupied with our times, and their politics and dangers. The oracle of the title is the English language, and the poet is seen as a kind of priest bound to carry its message to the world. Peter Porter is an Australian who lives in London. He was born in Brisbane in 1929, where he worked as a journalist before coming to England in 1951. He is a First Division poet, and a respected literary figure.

Biography and Autobiography:

A N Wilson for ***Tolstoy*** (Hamish Hamilton, £16.95). Andrew Wilson is a prolific novelist, writer, and prize-winner, and the original Young Fogey. He was born in 1950, educated at Rugby and New College, Oxford, and was a teacher and lecturer in English literature and literary editor of *The Spectator*, before becoming a full-time writer. He learned Russian for his big, scholarly but accessible, literary biography of Tolstoy. It is particularly interesting for a novelist's view of the creative process at work.

Children's Novel:

Judy Allen for ***Awaiting Developments*** (Julia MacRae, £8.95). Judy Allen is a freelance writer and researcher from Putney, south-west London. She has written many children's books, and won an American literary award for her adult novel, *December Flush*. Her teenage novel tells of a girl called Jo, who becomes involved with a petition to save a beautiful garden from a property developer. Through knocking on doors she is drawn into the lives of the neighbours, and finds that the petition is not the only issue she has to consider.

Since the Whitbread Prize introduced its system of choosing an overall Book of the Year from five categories, it has been won by a book of poetry in 1985, a novel in 1986, and an autobiography last year. Judging between such different writing is an annual problem. Last night William Hill made Salman Rushdie the favourite at 11-8, but the firm probably knows more about horses than literature.

Attorney General rounds on CPS critics

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney General, delivered a fierce attack yesterday on "selective and inaccurate" critics of the Crown Prosecution Service who, he said, were responsible for exacerbating its staffing shortage.

The service is still 23 per cent down on recruitment, he told the annual meeting of the Kent Magistrates' Association, because it "deploys its bait in a pool that is at present over-fished".

But "selective, unfair presentation suggesting that the service is a shambles" discourages recruits and depresses the present dedicated staff, he said.

In spite of attractive salaries for lawyers, including a starting point of £16,000 in London which for good candidates can lead to £25,000 in five years and £30,000 at the age of 30, there are too few lawyers about.

Sir Patrick also defended the record of the service, which is two years old and is achieving a conviction in 86 per cent of cases prosecuted. This figure had been scorned, he said, on the ground that it included guilty pleas.

"Of course it did, and rightly. A guilty plea comes at the end, not at the beginning, of a prosecution", he said. The plea was often changed as a result of early disclosure by the prosecution of their case.

Sir Patrick said that a "very high degree of consistency" had been achieved in prosecution policy where the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure in 1981 had found there to be none.

Consistency resulted from the code for crown prosecutors, which outlines factors they must take into account when considering a prosecution, and other measures such as extensive training programmes on drug trafficking offences and policy for juveniles.

Although local factors were always given weight, "theft is now prosecuted, for example, on the same basis in Caernarvon as it is in Maidstone, and in Newcastle as it is in Penzance".

Glasgow Govan by-election

Nationalists' momentum fails to shake Labour

By Kerry Gill

The Labour Party yesterday insisted that it would win tomorrow's Glasgow Govan by-election by a substantial majority in spite of the latest opinion poll showing that the Scottish National Party is gaining ground.

Labour's own canvass returns, released yesterday, showed that Mr Bob Gillespie, their candidate, was attracting support from 58.1 per cent of constituents, with the SNP's Mr Jim Sillars trailing with 29.7 per cent.

On the basis of the figures, Mr Donald Dewar, Labour's spokesman on Scottish affairs, predicted a comfortable majority for Mr Gillespie. "The Labour vote has held up remarkably well. We have a clear majority of pledged support. The SNP are a receptacle for the discontented", he said.

A System Three poll, published on Monday, showed support for Labour was down to 52.9 per cent compared with 33.4 per cent for the Nationalists. Both the System Three poll and Labour's own canvass demonstrate that support for the SNP has increased dramatically. Support for the SNP stood at only 20 per cent at the start of last week. The two surveys also confirm that Govan remains a two-horse race with the Conservatives and Democrats lagging well behind in single figures.

Mr Sillars was buoyant yesterday, saying: "We will win on Thursday. Our momentum is continuing at an ever increasing pace, and our support is rising fast."

While the rise in SNP support has probably come too late to hand them victory, they are still pinning all their hopes on swaying the considerable number of voters who are as yet undecided.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, joined the campaign claiming nurses had been cheated by the regrading exercise within the National Health Service. He also said pensioners in Glasgow and elsewhere faced the humiliation of means tests. "Whatever Nigel Lawson may pretend, however he wriggles and ducks and weaves, the intention is clear", he said.

Mr Peter Fraser, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland, indicated that the courts should crack down hard on drugs dealers. Speaking on behalf of Mr Graeme Hamilton, the Conservative candidate, he said there could be no soft options on the drugs issue.

General election, June 1987: B Millan (Lab), 24,071; A Ferguson (SDP/All), 4,562; Mrs J R Girsman (C), 4,411; F McCabe (SNP), 3,851; D Chalmers (Comm), 237. Lab majority: 19,509.

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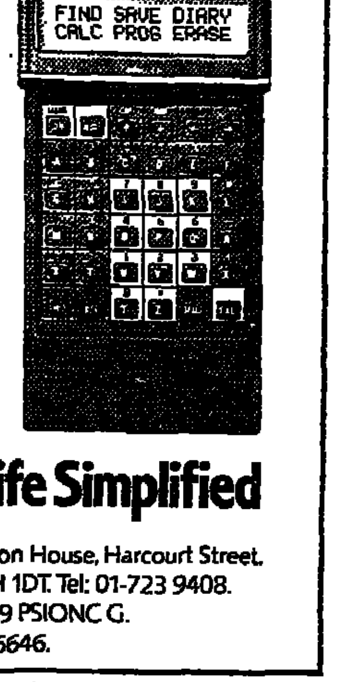

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Red-carpet treatment for returning Maldive hostages

From Edward Gorman
Male

Male, one of the world's smallest capitals, which governs the Maldive Islands in the Indian Ocean, came to a virtual standstill last night as the first hostages taken during the abortive coup attempt last Thursday returned.

The Indian missile frigate Godaveri anchored in the bay at sunset, watched by thousands of Maldivians. On board were eight hostages rescued by the Indians early on Sunday when the Godaveri intercepted the fleeing freighter MV Progress Light.

Also on board were 63 Tamil mercenaries, together with two Maldivian businessmen, thought to be the instigators of the coup, who had hijacked the freighter in a desperate bid to reach Sri Lanka.

President Gayoom, anxious to reassert his authority and prestige after the third and bloodiest attempt to overthrow him during his 11-year rule, spared no expense to welcome the hostages in an carefully stage-managed event.

The red carpet – never before used by anyone other than himself and visiting heads of state – was rolled out on President's Jetty, and the National Security Service band struck up "Colonel Bogey".

The President, accompanied by members of his Cabinet and senior military officers, greeted each hostage individually, hugging the first two whose nametags identified them as Mr Ibrahim Ahmed, a National Security Service officer, and Ismael Rasheed, aged 16. Both had bandaged heads and looked exhausted.

The hostages were whisked away to their homes in waiting taxis as the crowd clapped in unison and the police band continued to play.

Captain S. V. Gopalachari, commanding the Godaveri, said the rescue early on Friday morning about 50 miles south-west of Sri Lanka followed more than 12 hours of negotiations with the mercenaries. "We continued negotiations with tremendous patience and perseverance because the safety of the hostages was our prime concern."

He said that by the early hours of Friday, it became necessary to take "minimal action". He ordered several warning shots to be fired across the bows of the freighter and finally a shell was fired which hit the forecastle and started a fire. He indicated that this may have been the cause of the freighter's eventual sinking.

In an attempt to clarify the number of hostages which the Indians have continually revised, he said there had been 28 in all. In addition to the eight brought back yesterday, a further eight were in a military hospital in Trivandrum, southern India, four were on a sister ship arriving today, four were dead and four were missing.

It is still not clear how hostages came to be injured and killed, but there is speculation among observers here, reinforced by the captain's somewhat vague description of the rescue, that considerable force may have been used. The Indians had earlier reported that the mercenaries had surrendered without a fight.

The captain added that the mercenaries and their leaders, Maldivian businessmen Mr Abdulla Luthfee and Mr Sagar Nasir, would remain on the ship until arrangements had been made to confine them in Male. Speaking of the rescue, Mr V.A. Vincent, the Progress Light's Second Officer, said: "It is a second life for us. We had lost all hope as the mercenaries were very ruthless."

Major Mohammed Zahir of the National Security Service claimed that "all of the victims were hostages shot by the mercenaries". He added that there were no casualties in the Indian operation to cripple the cargo vessel.

President Gayoom, whose inauguration on Friday is expected to be attended by delegations, from more than 80 governments, is apparently anxious to reaffirm support after the coup attempt. He has appointed a four-man ministerial committee to investigate the plot to overthrow him.

Mr Fathuhulla Jameel, the Maldive Foreign Minister, said 160 people had been arrested on Male since the coup and were still being interrogated. The difficulty process of screening more than 3,000 Sir Lankans who may have assisted the mercenaries was continuing.

He said a special jail may have to be built to house the Tamil mercenaries because the nation's only prison was too small.

The punishment for many crimes here is banishment to a remote island in the 2,000-strong archipelago with only a few goats and a supply of rice and salt.

While waiting for the Godaveri to arrive, Mr Jameel reflected on a week of turbulence in the island republic.

"It has been a nightmare, but fortunately it was short-lived and we hope it will not happen again," he said.

"This is something we are not used to in the Maldives. As you can see, this is a peaceful country."

Maldivian officials, including Mr Jameel, have accused Mr Luthfee of recruiting the mercenaries in Sri Lanka, where Tamil guerrillas have waged a five-year-old separatist war against the Sri Lankan Government.

Mr Luthfee told reporters on board the Godaveri that the coup was masterminded by members of the People's Liberation of Tamil Eelam, a Tamil militant group in Sri Lanka.

"I met Uma Maheswaran (the People's Liberation leader) several times in Colombo," Mr Luthfee said. "He provided the men and the arms."

Indian naval officers had recovered Chinese-made T56 rifles, Soviet-made rocket-propelled grenades and carbines from the mercenaries, a spokesman for the Indian Foreign Ministry said in Delhi yesterday.

Gdansk strike splits Solidarity

Walesa threatens to resign over militant challenge

Gdansk (Reuter) – Hundreds of Solidarity militants rebelled against the leader of their union, Mr Lech Walesa, yesterday and went ahead with a strike at a Gdansk shipyard after he decided to back off from a showdown with the Polish Government.

Mr Walesa, who withdrew a nationwide weekend strike threat saying the time was not ripe, said he would resign as chairman of the banned union if the stoppages spread.

He said that young radicals were behind the strike at the repair shipyard. "I am not happy. There is no obedience. They seem to be treating me as someone who has failed to reach any political solution (with the Government)," Mr Walesa told a news conference.

"If the strikes spread I will be ready to resign. If they don't obey it means I am losing importance."

The protests erupted over a decision last week by Poland's Communist rulers to shut the Lenin Shipyard where Solidarity was born in 1980. The yard is Poland's biggest and employs about 11,000 workers.

Mr Walesa, who has repeatedly called the decision a political provocation, said on Sunday that he would issue a nationwide strike alert yesterday if the Government did not cancel it.

But at a rally at the yard yesterday he told thousands of workers that there was no alert and no strike and the struggle to save the yard should continue in other ways.

However, Solidarity militants simultaneously started strike attempts at the small Wisla yard on the edge of Gdansk which employs 900 men and at the repairs yard which has 5,800 workers.

About 30 militants draped flags and Solidarity banners on the two main gates of the Wisla yard and announced six demands including legalization of Solidarity and cancellation of the Lenin shipyard shutdown. But reporters could see work continuing inside during the day.

At the repairs yard, management announced two days' leave when the strike threat emerged and most of the their went home. But workers at the gate said 400 stayed on for a sit-in strike.

Mr Walesa said he had sent Mr Jacek Merkel, head of Solidarity's Gdansk organizing committee, to dissuade the men from striking but that he had got nowhere.

"We asked the repair yard not to strike but they are young and we have achieved nothing as concerns Solidarity, and there is no round table," Mr Walesa said. "They want to fight."

He indicated that the radicals were bitter at his failure to win concessions from the Government after he called off a wave of strikes demanding the legalization of Solidarity in August.

Militant young workers opposed calling off the August strikes saying they feared a sell-out to the communist authorities.

But Mr Walesa went ahead when the Government reversed its policies and invited Solidarity to "round-table" talks on Poland's future, promising to consider legalizing the union.

General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the party leader, has since said that union freedoms would not be restored in the near future and that preparations for the round-table talks had become bogged down.

"These youths may think Lech Walesa didn't carry out the promises, with which he ended the (August) strikes," Mr Walesa said. "But this is a lack of obedience, which doesn't make one happy. It is a warning for me and the authorities," he added, indicating that the new generation of workers could get out of control.

● **MOSCOW:** – Tens of thousands of Estonians have signed appeals calling on their republic's Parliament to resist changes to the Soviet Constitution they fear will tighten Moscow's control, journalists in Tallinn said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Speaking by telephone from Tallinn, the journalists said signatures were being collected at offices and institutes, in shops and on the streets across Estonia, which has been at the forefront of Soviet political change.

"Basically the people want our Supreme Soviet (Parliament) to vote to resist the constitutional changes they feel will seriously limit our sovereignty and that of all the other Soviet republics," one journalist said.

At the same time, Professor Igor Gryazin, one of Estonia's top legal specialists told the republic's Russian-language Communist Party daily, Sovietskaya Estonia, that the reforms "would turn the Soviet Union into a less democratic state".

Professor Gryazin, himself a Russian, said the reforms which President Gorbachov has said he wants passed by the Supreme Soviet in Moscow at the end of this month would change the country from a federal to a unitarian state.

Belgrade (Reuter) – Jela Jevremovic, aged 42, the editor of *Politikin Svet*, a Belgrade magazine, is suing its publisher for £22,000 in a dispute that threatens to split the Serbs. She accuses the house's director, Mr Zivorad Minovic, of abusing his post, among other things. The writ is said to reflect Serbian anger at the transformation of publications into Communist Party mouthpieces.

Bhutto wins battle on identity cards

Miss Bhutto addressing a People's Party rally in Sind province as election day nears.

Lahore (Reuter) – A Pakistani provincial court struck out a requirement that voters need identity cards to vote in next week's election but state television said the Government would appeal against the ruling to the Supreme Court.

The judgement, by the Punjab High Court yesterday, was the third legal victory for Miss Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in the run-up to the November 16 poll.

Two of the party's candidates for Lahore challenged a presidential decree last month that voters must produce identity cards. The Government said this was to prevent electoral fraud. The party said that 30 to 40 per cent of the electorate did not have cards.

The Lahore High Court ruled that the constitutional right to vote could not be restricted by subordinate laws.

The judgement said: "The electors will be entitled to be given ballot papers to cast their votes if they produce their national identity cards. But if they do not have them, they can produce any other proof of their identity to the satisfaction of the presiding officer.

"If a candidate or his agent objects, the elector may be issued ... what is called a 'challenged ballot paper'. If an elector is found at fault, the law will take its course."

Last month, the Supreme Court ordered the elections to be on a party basis, after Miss Bhutto challenged the late President Zia's ban on political parties fielding candidates. In June, it struck out a law that banned the People's Party and most other opposition parties from elections for refusing to register with the election commission.

WORLD ROUNDUP

'Palimony' cases lawyer to be tried

Los Angeles (Reuter) – Mr Marvin Mitchelson, the celebrity divorce lawyer, must stand trial in January before the State Bar of California on charges of mishandling clients' money and filing frivolous appeals, the bar decided yesterday. If found guilty Mr Mitchelson faces sanctions ranging from warnings to disbarment.

Mr Mitchelson's clients have included Joan Collins, Bianca Jagger and Lesley-Anne Down, and he introduced the so-called "palimony" law in California under which live-in lovers are entitled to share in their partner's property when they separate. He described the charges as "a witchhunt", while his lawyer said the bar was trying to "enhance its image with the public".

Mr Mitchelson, aged 60, is accused of misconduct in handling the fees and cases of half a dozen former clients. He is accused of one charge of failing to deposit advance fees in a trust account, failing to promptly return unearned portions of advance fees, and charging "unconscionable fees". In two other cases he allegedly filed frivolous appeals.

Hirohito fight for life

Tokyo – Emperor Hirohito of Japan was fighting for his life last night after his precarious health see-sawed dramatically and doctors struggled to revive his weakening blood pressure (Joe Joseph writes).

Court physicians and government sources described the 87-year-old monarch's condition as the gravest since he became ill on September 19. Since then he has put up what some doctors say is a remarkable battle against the pancreatic cancer that is slowly dissolving his defences. But with the doctors unable to staunch his internal bleeding or to cure his anaemia and jaundice, medical sources say the Emperor's health is weakening and that he is too frail to undergo surgery.

Russians intervene

Islamabad (AFP) – Soviet troops have arrived in Jalalabad to help Afghan government forces stem a rebel advance on the key garrison town close to the border with Pakistan, diplomats and resistance sources said here yesterday.

A 60-vehicle convoy packed with Soviet troops arrived there from Kabul on Thursday, Western diplomats here said. The development follows a string of reverses for the Kabul Government in the province of Nangarhar, where Jalalabad is located.

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Pilot's suicide threat

Johannesburg – A unlicensed pilot was recovering from head injuries in a Pretoria hospital yesterday after stealing a light plane and allegedly threatening to commit suicide by crashing it into the building where his former wife works (Michael Hornsby writes).

The drama occurred on Monday when H.A. Lorentz, aged 29, took off without clearance from Wonderboom airport near Pretoria. Two Air Force helicopters were sent up to trail the plane, which flew around in circles for several hours.

Burma courts close

Bangkok (Reuter) – Rangoon radio has announced that all courts will be closed until April in Burma, where hundreds of people have been arrested since mid-September after anti-government rioting.

The state radio also said a man identified as Nay Min, aged 42, a lawyer, had been arrested and charged with feeding falsehoods to the BBC. Citing disruptions caused by months of political turmoil, the radio said yesterday that the court break was necessary because of travel and administrative restrictions.

Trade pact turns Canada voters against Mulroney

From John Best, Ottawa

The fate of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement hangs in the balance as evidence accumulates that Canada's governing Conservative Party is in danger of losing the November 21 federal election. The Canadian dollar has turned ominously downwards in reaction.

A Gallup poll published on Monday indicated a continuation of the remarkable Liberal Party resurgence that began when Mr John Turner, the Liberal leader and former Prime Minister, clashed with Mr Brian Mulroney, the Tory Prime Minister, in a TV election debate two weeks ago.

Mr Turner is widely perceived to have won the debate with an emotional, highly nationalistic attack on free trade and on the Prime Minister. Mr Turner claims that the agreement, scheduled to take effect on January 1 but not yet ratified by the Canadian Parliament, would eventually mean a sell-out of Canadian sovereignty to the US, which has 10 times Canada's 26 million population and at least 10 times its economic power.

Mr Turner has vowed to tear up the trade accord if elected.

The Gallup poll gave the Liberals 43 per cent of the decided vote, the Conservatives 31 per cent and the left-wing New Democratic Party 22 per cent. Four per cent supported fringe parties.

Only two weeks earlier, the Liberals were in third place, 12 per cent behind the Tories. This Tory slide is unprecedented in the 46 years that Gallup has been monitoring Canadian elections.

The survey would translate into a Liberal majority in the 295-seat House of Commons, spelling certain doom for the agreement signed early this year by Mr Mulroney and President Reagan. In the last election, in September, 1984, the Tories took 211 of the 282 seats.

The trade agreement would remove all remaining tariffs between the two countries over a 10-year period, ease Canadian controls on trans-border investment, and establish a common market in energy resources. It would also set up an adjudication procedure for trade disputes.

There is no doubt about what caused the huge turnaround in voter preferences. As Gallup put it: "The strong performance of leader John Turner in the recent televised debates, together with a burgeoning Canadian sentiment against the free trade deal with the United States, has served to decimate Tory support in the country."

Mr Turner: Won debate with fervent attack on free trade.

Because the business sector strongly supports the agreement, viewing it as an instrument for new prosperity, the markets reacted negatively to the findings. The Canadian dollar was down more than half a cent at 80.94 US cents, while the Toronto Stock Exchange composite index slipped 75 points to 3,260. Some analysts said this was only a taste of things to come should the agreement collapse.

Yesterday another Gallup poll pointed to a continuing growth of popular opposition to free trade, with only 26 per cent of Canadians supporting it and 50 per cent opposed.

Apart from the free trade policy, business is philosophically partial to the Tories. Since taking office from the Liberals in 1984, they have reduced Canada's budget deficit from $Can 38 billion to about $Can 29 billion.

On the other hand, Mr Turner and Mr Ed Broadbent, of the Democrats, have obviously succeeded in making many Canadians, including pensioners, believe that their social security structure would be endangered by "harmonization" with the more limited American system.

Crusading for charity

Horses fail modern knight

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

A modern-day Knight of St John rode into Jerusalem yesterday at the end of a one-man crusade which has raised £50,000 for the eye hospital run by the order here.

Mr James Nash set out from Istanbul at the end of March to follow in the hoofprints of the Crusaders. With the help of 13 horses, a cart and a good deal of shoe leather he finally made it, having discovered the hard way that modern Turkish horses are nothing like as strong as the steeds which carried the armoured knights of old to the Holy Land.

Mr Nash decided to make the trip after becoming bored while on a package holiday to Turkey. He had been a former political officer in the Yemen and speaks Arabic. "I used to fight out of castles like the Crusaders," he said. "I thought I'd try the other thing they did and ride." A member of the Order of St John he chose to raise money for the hospital through his trip.

He bought four thoroughbreds in Turkey and "pretended I was an Apulian Norman who had joined the Crusade at Byzantium". It was not long before he found the horses were not up to the task – he is 6ft 2in and weighed around 15 stone when he set off. With baggage, the horses had to carry around 300 lb.

So he bought a cart, converted it, and drove through Anatolia to the Taurus mountains, which he crossed on foot to spare his steed. "At the end of 200 miles I had a very fit horse and a very lame me," he said.

Back on board the cart he drove into Syria, causing chaos at the Customs before being allowed to drive through to Jordan, where he had to abandon the original Crusader routes and stick to the main roads for speed. "They wouldn't give me a very long visa," he explained.

Late last month he reached Amman and began unsuccessful negotiations to be allowed to take a horse across the Allenby Bridge. Eventually he gave in to bureaucracy, rode to the River Jordan, crossed without a horse, then linked up with his last mount, Dalal (The Spoilt One).

Dalal was indeed spoilt – Mr Nash had lost a stone and a half on the trip and yesterday his baggage was taken to Jerusalem by van, so that Dalal had to carry only a light-hearted rider up the steep road to Jerusalem. Only one thing spoilt Mr Nash's joy of arrival. After travelling 1,300 miles with horses he had done virtually no riding. "I shall be as stiff as hell tomorrow," he complained.

Ailing Mark Twain 'begged to die'

Hamilton, Bermuda (Reuter) – Mark Twain, author of the novels *Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, pleaded with his business manager to kill him on board a steamship as he travelled home to die, a long-lost letter shows.

In intense pain from his chronic heart ailment, Twain asked his agent, Albert Bigelow Paine, to end it all on the high seas.

Paine sailed on the SS Oceana to New York from Twain's holiday home in Bermuda in April, 1910, and described the incident in a letter to an American diplomat, William Allen. Twain died later that month.

His letter was among Twain memorabilia auctioned in Bermuda earlier this year. A local journalist, Tim Hodgson, who bought the document for $450 (£250) revealed the contents of the letter this week.

"At times his mind wandered and his struggles for breath were terrible to see. He begged me to kill him," Paine wrote. Paine also said that he kept Twain, the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, under heavy sedation with morphine in an attempt to relieve his agony during the two-day voyage.

The Oceana docked in New York on April 14 and Paine accompanied Twain to his Connecticut estate, where the writer died on April 21.

Spectre of Holocaust troubles both sides of Berlin Wall

By John England
and Anne McElvoy

Solemn ceremonies in East and West Germany yesterday began three days of activities to mark the 50th anniversary of the Nazis' *Reichskristallnacht*, the destruction of Jewish synagogues.

The pogrom, on the night of November 9-10, 1938, saw the burning of 101 synagogues and attacks on more than 1,700 Jewish homes and 7,500 businesses. Nearly 100 Jews were murdered and about 35,000 were detained.

At a reception in East Berlin yesterday, Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, promised Jewish community leaders that the state would continue to support and protect Jews in East Germany.

Herr Honecker, who last month agreed that East Germany would pay its first compensation to Jewish victims of the Nazis, said: "There must never again be racism and anti-Semitism. The flaming signs of the synagogues have become an appeal to the conscience of the peoples."

But the spectre of the Holocaust hovering on both sides of the Berlin Wall is causing problems for the two German leaders. Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Gemany, who plans to speak at a Jewish service to commemorate the pogrom today, has been attacked for his "record of insensitivity" from West Germany's Jewish community. There are plans to stage a demonstration outside Frankfurt's synagogue.

Herr Michael Friedman of Frankfurt's Jewish Council said: "It is highly questionable whether the Chancellor, who bowed before the Bitburg graves, is a suitable speaker in a synagogue." He was referring to the Chancellor's visit to the cemetery, which contains the graves of SS soldiers, three years ago.

For East Germany, which describes itself as an anti-fascist state, the past is an unwelcome intruder on the present. Last month's announcement that the Government is to pay "symbolic compensation" to Jewish survivors of the Nazi period has caused consternation in a country which has effectively sealed itself off from the kind of historical *glasnost* taking place in Moscow.

Many observers believe that the sudden decision by Herr Honecker to wash the republic's dirty linen in public may be a last-ditch attempt to crown his 17 years in office with a visit to the United States.

The American Jewish community would not have accepted such a visit before the compensation had been formally agreed.

Herr Honecker would like to improve trading links with the United States and is thought to be keen on establishing diplomatic ties with Israel. He is also anxious to stamp out the anti-Semitism cultivated by young neo-Nazis in his own backyard.

Compensation of $100 million (£60.6 million) was spoken of when Herr Heinz Galinski, the West German Jewish leader, met Herr Honecker in June – a not insignificant sum considering East Germany's lack of hard currency.

But enthusiasm for the move has not been universal. Herr Peter Sichorvski, a writer on German-Jewish relations, said: "I believe that this so-called recognition has a lot more to do with economics than with conscience. It is a quite calculated attempt to portray a rather stern regime as liberal and win acclaim in the West."

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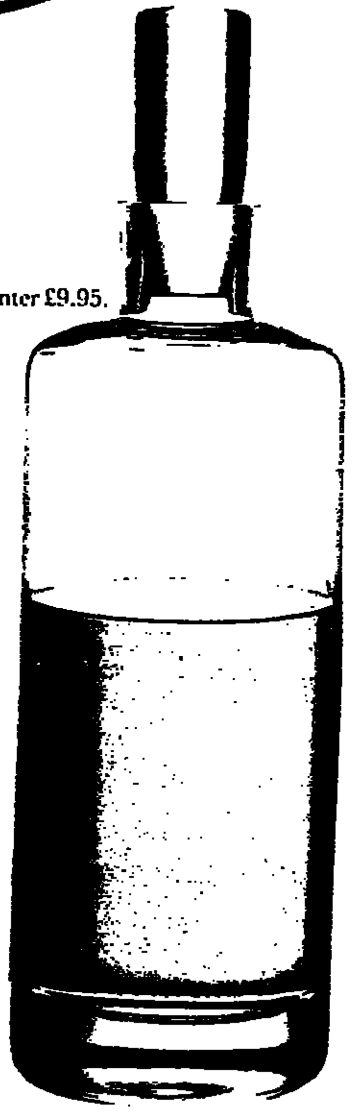

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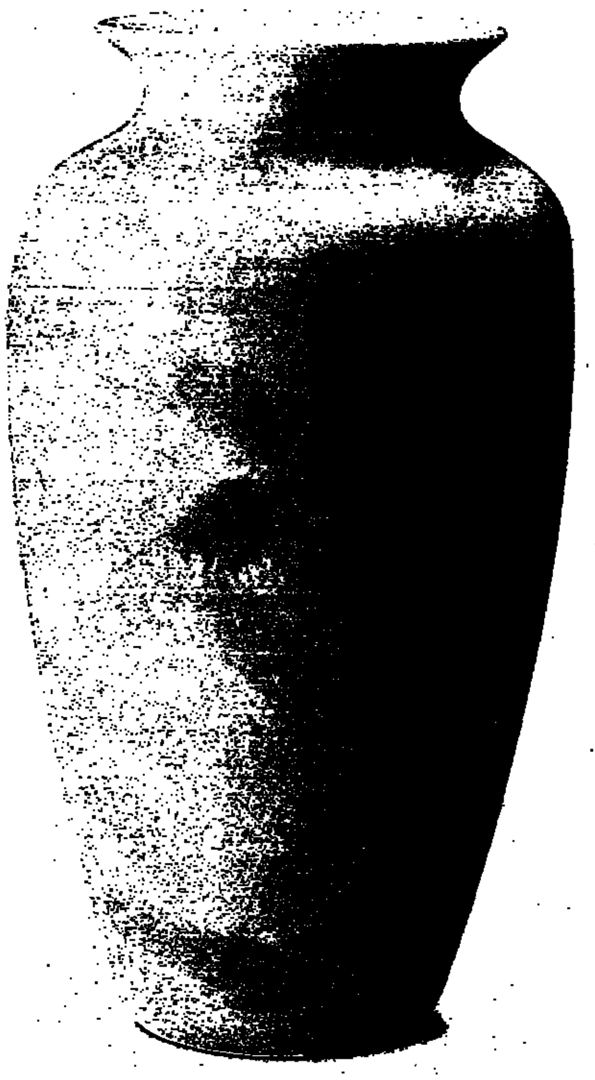

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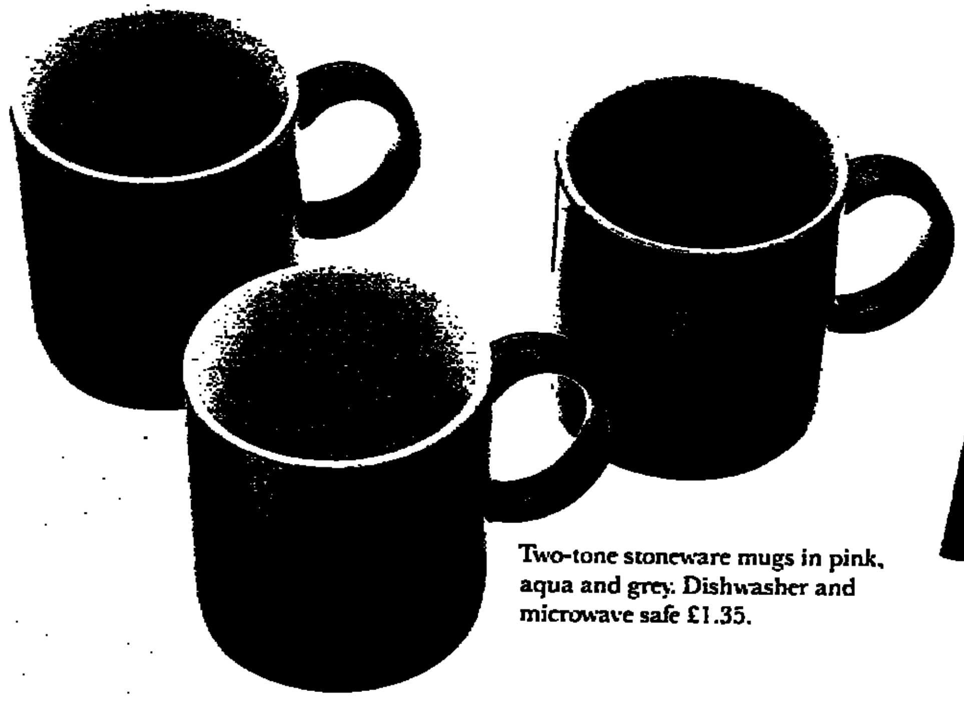

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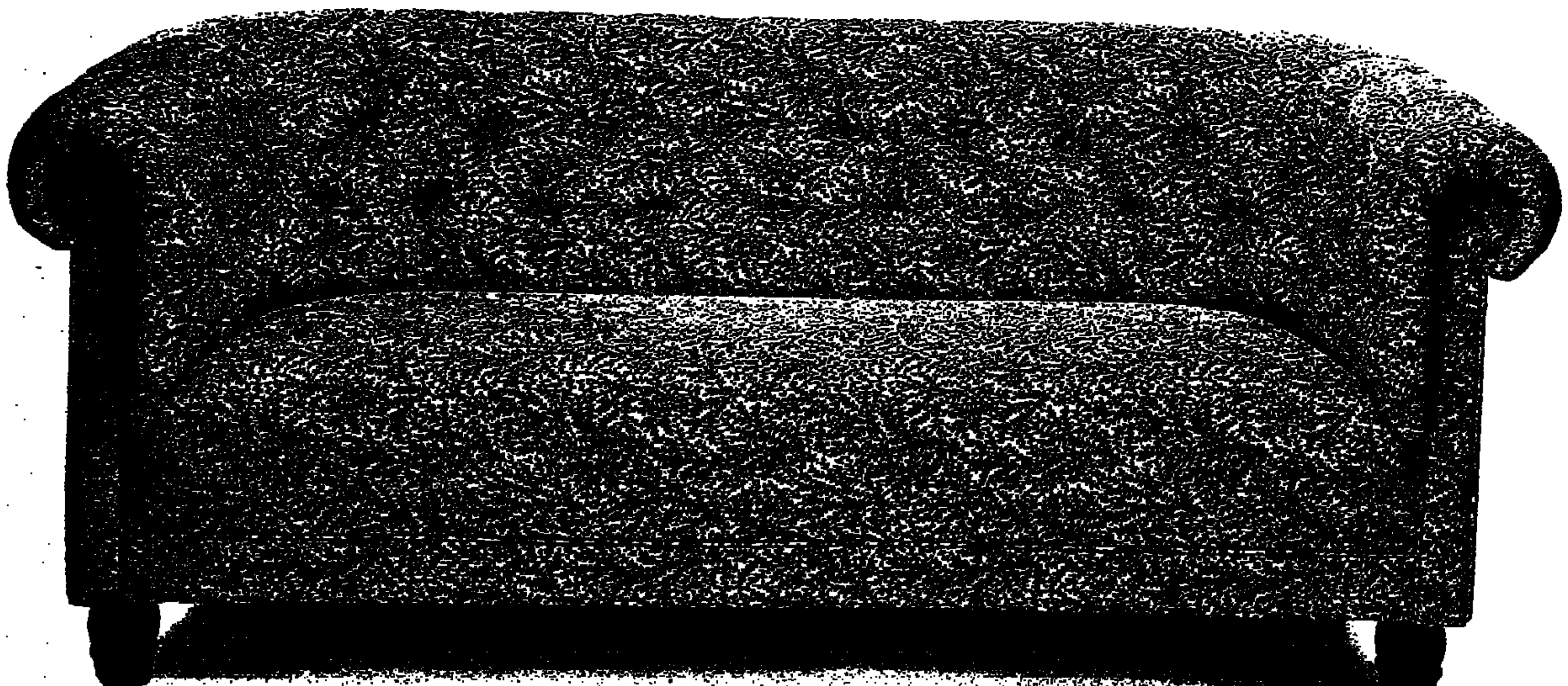

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Princess praised by Aids pioneer

**From Philip Jacobson
Paris**

The Princess of Wales carried out her first solo engagement of the royal visit to France yesterday and won high praise from a leading researcher into Aids for choosing to associate herself publicly with the fight against the disease.

After showing her around research laboratories at the Institut Pasteur, on the Left Bank, Professor Luc Montagnier, one of the discoverers of the Aids virus, said that he was sure the French people would appreciate the gesture she had made.

"It is very important that those in the public eye are seen to be involving themselves in supporting the campaign against Aids and efforts on behalf of Aids patients," Professor Montagnier said. The Princess of Wales would be seeing "some very sick people" in the *Institute*'s hospital.

"I was able to show the Princess the exact spot on my work bench where I first isolated the virus in 1983. She was generally well-informed on the topic and impressed me by the questions she asked," he said.

The Princess of Wales had been particularly interested in research to help those most tragic of Aids victims, the growing number of babies being born with the disease.

"I was glad to tell her that the possibility of developing an effective form of treatment for new-born children exists, although we are still at an experimental stage," Professor Montagnier added.

The Aids epidemic has hit France harder than any other West European nation, and the public here has only recently received grim new figures about the progression of the disease: an estimated 250,000 people are believed to be HIV positive and Aids deaths will outnumber those on the roads in three years.

It is no secret that the Princess of Wales had requested the visit to the Institut Pasteur, conceivably to demonstrate to the French that she is more than the royal clothes-horse that their media portay. Her presence there struck Professor Montagnier as a welcome and "highly symbolic" gesture of shared concern.

"Any contact with Aids patients is very moving, even for doctors, with the knowledge that the sufferer is dying, maybe the next day, he said."

Royal entente: The Princess of Wales and the French Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, building Anglo-French bridges at a luncheon in his Paris residence, the Hôtel Matignon, yesterday.

Earlier in a crowded morning, the royal couple had been guests of honour at a lunch hosted by the Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, in his official residence, the Hôtel Matignon. Agence France-Presse thought it worth recording that despite the crisp November weather, the Princess went about *nue-tête* – bareheaded.

Before that, they had both toured and admired the splendidly inventive Musée d'Orsay, where Prince Charles – "amateur painter himself" as AFP, ever-instructive, told us – was duly impressed by works of Cézanne and Van Gogh. The Princess of Wales wore another striking ensemble, a black and white theme this time.

Next stop was the Hôtel de Ville, a vast and wonderfully ornate edifice hard by the Seine. They were received there by M Jacques Chirac, who had remained Mayor of Paris during his two-year stint as Prime Minister and was freed to devote more of his prodigious energy to the job – to the unconcealed delight of most Parisians – by a crushing defeat at the hands of M François Mitterrand in the presidential election last Spring.

At a ceremony in the Salon des Tapisseries, a beaming M Chirac presented the Princess of Wales with an elegant little jewelled evening purse.

The Princess's ecologically-minded husband received two volumes of an 18th-century treatise on the trees and shrubs of France.

● **Favourite subject:** The Prince of Wales delved into his favourite subject of architecture yesterday on the second day of the five-day visit (Reuter reports).

The Prince said in a speech at the Paris Town Hall that he realized he had set off a controversy in Britain recently with criticism of modern architecture.

He said he would not be drawn into commenting on new building work in the French capital, but added: "I must congratulate Paris for the restoration work it has done on its buildings."

He said he admired the French way of life, which encouraged a community atmosphere.

He is also scheduled to visit two of President Mitterrand's grandiose projects for central Paris, a huge concrete arch being built in the Défense suburb and a futuristic glass pyramid in the centre of the Louvre.

On Monday evening, the Prince delivered an unusually political speech for a member of the British monarchy when he spoke on world affairs at a banquet given by President Mitterrand.

He gave qualified approval to President Gorbachov's reform programmes in the Soviet Union.

"There seems to have been an authentic development in the Soviet Union and it is to be welcomed," he said. "But there is still a lot to do and we should be vigilant during the necessarily slow processes of *glasnost* and *perestroika*," he added.

"As long as half of Europe stays behind an iron curtain – even if traces of rust and holes are appearing – and as long as totalitarian ideas have not given way to truly democratic forms of government, then it is impossible to reach the peace we all desire."

The Prince also warned against over-romantic ideas of a common Europe. "We have to be on our guard against being too visionary. After all, the French are still French, the Italians are Italians and the English are British – perhaps too much so for the taste of some French," he said.

Pentagon computer study

FBI investigates network crash

From Michael Wines, Washington

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has begun an official criminal investigation of the computer "virus" that crippled a national Pentagon data network last week.

Officials indicated that a decision on whether to prosecute the author of the renegade computer program was near.

Mr Charles Steinmetz, a spokesman for the bureau, said an informal inquiry into the computer incident over the weekend had uncovered "enough elements there for the Federals to investigate it officially" as a probable criminal act.

"The matter is high priority," Mr Milt Ahlerich, the FBI's chief spokesman, said.

Another official indicated, however, that it was unclear whether the planting of the virus in the Arpanet data network, which brought 6,000 computer terminals to a standstill last Wednesday, could be prosecuted as a misdemeanour or as a felony.

The man suspected of planting the virus in a Cornell University computer terminal, Mr Robert Tappan Morris, aged 23, a graduate student at Cornell, appeared briefly with his father outside his parents' home in Arnold, Maryland, on Monday afternoon, but declined to discuss the incident.

It was the first time he had been seen in public since his name was linked to the computer virus on Saturday.

His father, Mr Robert Morris, is the chief computer *scientist* for the National Computer Security Centre near Baltimore, the federal agency responsible for protecting classified data and other national security information stored in computers.

On Monday the younger Morris retained a Washington lawyer, Mr Thomas Guidoboni, to handle legal issues stemming from the incident.

The FBI investigation of the younger Morris centres on potential violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986.

The law makes it a misdemeanour, punishable by a fine and up to a year in jail, to knowingly use a government computer without authorization and to disrupt its normal operation.

A second violation is a felony and can be punished by a fine and up to 10 years in jail.

(New York Times)

'Virus' highlights hacker menace

From John Markoff, New York

The trouble caused last week by a rogue "virus" program in US national computer networks highlights the increasing friction between the wizards who design and maintain the systems and a society that depends on the machines to run almost everything from *banks to hospitals to military* forces.

Mr Robert Morris, the computer science student whose tampering brought down the Department of Defence Arpanet network for a day and a half, may be the ultimate "hacker".

Professor Dexter Kozen, a computer scientist at Cornell University, said Mr Morris had been admitted there because "he had a reputation for being a hacker at Harvard ... We like to have a fairly well-rounded student body so we have people who are academically oriented and people who are creative in other ways."

Mr Morris's stunt has forced people in the computer world do a great deal of soul searching. Some computer experts fear that any tightening of computer security could harm, not help the economy.

On Monday, the damage that resulted from the software attack was still being assessed. Security experts have estimated that as many as 60,000 computers are directly or indirectly tied to the *Department of Defence* network. Of those, more than 6,000 had been affected.

(New York Times)

Six die in riots over new sultan

Lagos (AFP) – Six people died in rioting in Sokoto, northern Nigeria, in protests over the choice of a new Sultan of Sokoto. The trouble started on Sunday when Mr Ibrahim Dasuki, a millionaire and former diplomat, was appointed instead of Mr Muhammadu Maccido.

Supporters of Mr Maccido went into the streets chanting *"Ba mu so"* ("We don't want") and damaged many buildings. They also set fire to government and private vehicles. Reports said they freed 500 prisoners from Sokoto central prison.

Crash arrests

Epernay (Reuter) – Two railmen have been arrested after the Luxembourg-to-Paris express ran into a maintenance truck in eastern France, killing nine workmen. The crash has been blamed on a points error.

Death stay

Delhi (Reuter) – India's Supreme Court has again stayed the execution of two Sikhs convicted of the assassination of Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, so that a lower court can hear a petition.

Shuttle launch

Moscow (AP) – The Soviet Union will try within days to launch its space shuttle after last month's attempt was called off because of a technical hitch, Radio Moscow announced.

Big diamond

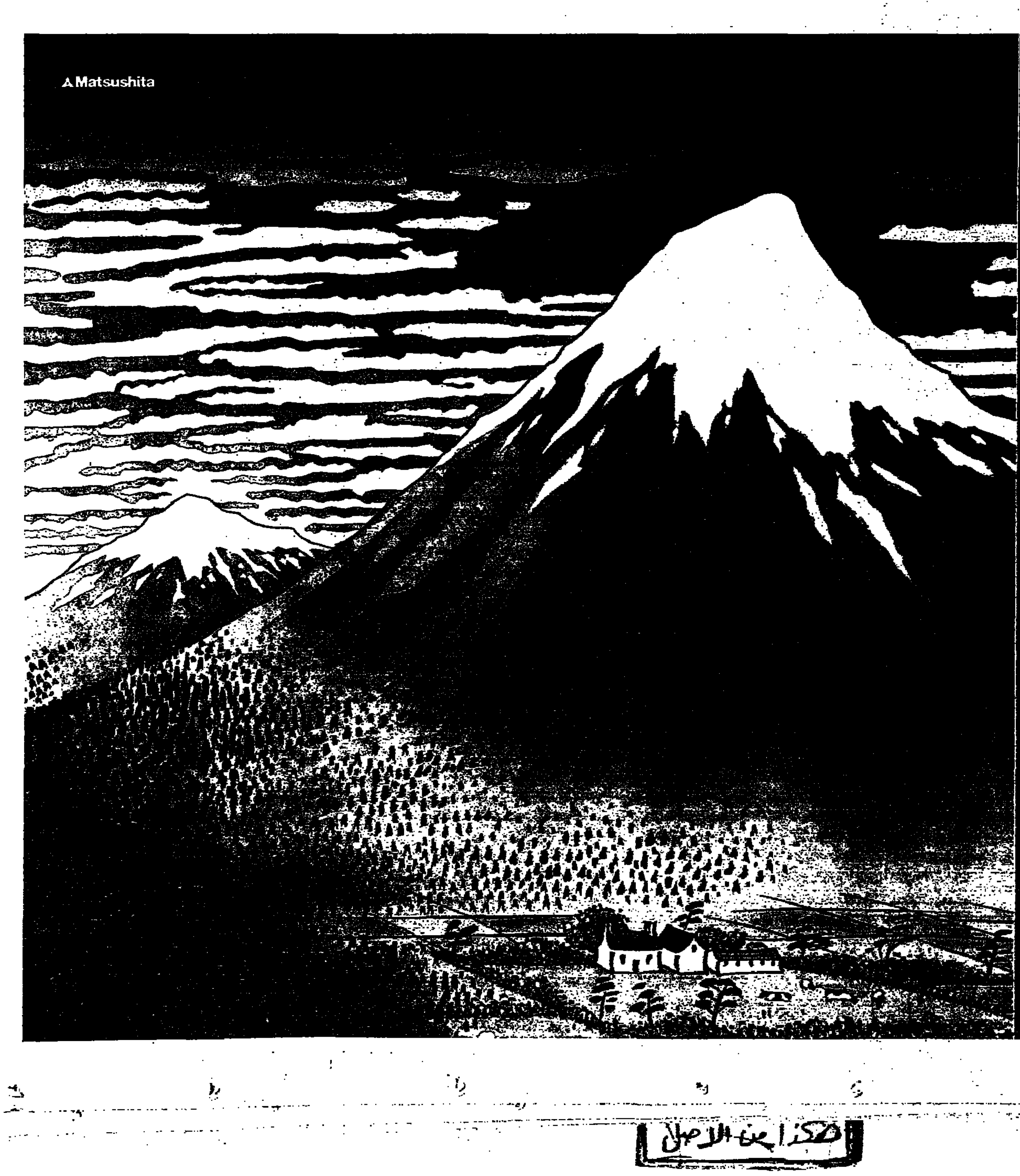
Sydney (AP) – An Australian company, Bridge Oil, said it had found a flawless 181.77 carat diamond, reportedly worth more than £4.5 million, in the Republic of Guinea.

Soviet Aids

Moscow (Reuter) – A baby boy, aged four months, died of Aids in the Black Sea resort of Odessa after being infected by his mother before birth.

Violent hippo

Mbabane (Reuter) – Swaziland's King Mswati will be asked to protect villagers near the town of Siteki from a hippo which became violent after its mate died.



MR. YAMAMOTO CAST A GLANCE TOWARDS SNOWDON AND SAW A VISION OF HOME.

When Mr. Yoshio Yamamoto, President of Matsushita Electronic Components Co. looked at sites for his new European plant, he took a look at Wales. He obviously liked what he saw. Because within a few months, his company occupied a 25,000 sq ft factory on the Welsh Development Agency's Baglan Industrial Park in West Glamorgan. Mr. Yamamoto said the main reason they found Wales attractive was its close proximity to their customers and convenience for export to the rest of Europe. Not to mention technical support, factory space and financial assistance provided by the WDA. 'We also knew that workers in Wales are extremely good and in fact seem to have much in common with the Japanese' commented Mr. Yamamoto. It's an opinion shared by the hundreds of other companies who have invested millions of pounds in Wales in recent years. No doubt because, when it comes to business, Wales can make anyone feel at home. For more information just contact Anna Prokic at the Welsh Development Agency on (0222) 222665.

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US ELECTION

Exhaustion and relief at end of the trail

From Charles Bremner in Boston and Christopher Thomas in Houston

Pale and shaky after 48 hours in which he took only catnaps on his jet, Governor Michael Dukakis rested yesterday in his suburban Boston home still predicting an imminent move to the White House.

"I think that tonight we're going to surprise a few people – we're going to be the ones doing the celebrating," he said as he entered his small semi-detached house in the suburb of Brookline after arriving back in Boston at 10am.

Also arriving home was a hoarse but exuberant Vice-President George Bush, back in his adopted state of Texas to vote. "I can't believe it's over," he said with the air of a man certain of victory.

He held one last election rally, smiling broadly as balloons and confetti showered on him in Houston, where his presidential campaign officially began.

Republican officials were so confident they had hundreds of invitations printed for a "victory party" to meet Mr Bush when he returns to Andrews Air Force base near Washington today.

He spent the night at a $200-a-day Houston hotel suite he keeps as his official residence. "It's hard to believe we're home, back where it started," he said. "Barbara and I first voted here 40 years ago."

Mr Dukakis voted at a local school before returning to catch up on sleep lost while he stormed four times across the country in two days in a hectic closing sprint to his 20-month campaign marathon. These last hours took him from Los Angeles to a 2am rally attended by about 200 people and numerous TV crews in Des Moines, Iowa.

In Detroit he appeared at the airport as citizens were waking up and made a last appeal to voters in the key state of Michigan to come to his side. "Look in the mirror and ask yourself, 'Is George Bush on your side?' "

While the governor slept in Brookline, the suburb reviled by Mr Bush as a "people's republic" of left-wing liberals, his staff at the campaign headquarters in Chauncy Street were putting a brave face on the expected defeat.

"It's kind of like saying goodbye to family," said one junior organizer who was taken on when Mr Dukakis's run in the primaries accelerated last summer into a full-blown presidential campaign.

Mr Dukakis was due to appear at about 4am London time at a rally in Boston's convention centre to acknowledge defeat or accept victory.

Mr Bush's last day on the trail was spent like all the others over the past three months — promising a kinder, gentler nation while attacking his rival remorselessly. The mood on his campaign plane was boisterous.

Princeton, New Jersey — Joe Omoletzky, who markets ties through 14 retail outlets, predicted a landslide for Mr Bush on the basis of his $18 election tie sales. He sold 431 Republican ties, decorated with an elephant, but only 322 Democratic versions with a donkey. He has predicted every election since 1952, except 1976.

In a swipe at Mr Dukakis's fondness for brisk walking, the Vice-President said he was finishing the campaign "not in a power walk but a sprint". He seemed relaxed, patting balloons and uncharacteristically kicking a ball. "I never felt better in my life, the adrenalin is flowing," he insisted.

That said, he hurried off for an early night as Houston hotels filled with an army of aides, journalists and, inevitably, job-seekers. He seemed overcharged on his last day of campaigning, stumbling over his lines frequently.

Mr Bush has campaigned more and more as the true heir to President Reagan, who has travelled more than 25,000 miles on behalf of his deputy.

Mr Reagan ended the campaign in San Diego, California, where he began and ended races for governor in 1966 and 1970, and where he began his contests for president in 1976, 1980 and 1984. "This year my name is not on the ballot, and it won't appear on a ballot ever again," he said.

Earlier, in Long Beach, California, he stood in front of the Queen Mary, on board which he had once returned to America after filming in England. He said his legacy was on the ballot, even if his name was not. The election was a time to "refresh and strengthen the new beginning we started eight years ago". He dedicated his "last campaign" to his parents. "A son of Jack and Nelle Reagan never walked away from a battle on principle," he declared.

Mr Bush managed to end his final campaigning without a single reference to most of his specific election pledges. His made-for-TV sound bite for the final day was aimed at Mr Dukakis: "Reach out and tax someone."

Not all was bitter-sweet emotion at Mr Dukakis's headquarters. For weeks, as the campaign rolled downhill, there has been open bickering between two factions which have been blaming each other. On one side are the lawyer-academics — or the "Harvard Law School pencil-necks" as their detractors call them — led by Miss Susan Estrich, the young campaign manager.

On the other are the hardbitten political professionals, led by Mr John Sasso, the former manager who was exiled for a year for dirty tactics in exposing the Neil Kinnock plagiarism by Senator Joseph Biden. He was brought back as chief strategist in September and was behind the switch by Mr Dukakis to economic populism in the closing three weeks. The shift appeared to have won votes but came too late.

While Boston anticipated defeat, there was speculation over the governor's immediate future. In 1978, when he had his only previous big political defeat, he suffered something close to a nervous breakdown. His wife Kitty says his humiliating failure to be re-elected as governor that year inflicted on him a "public death".

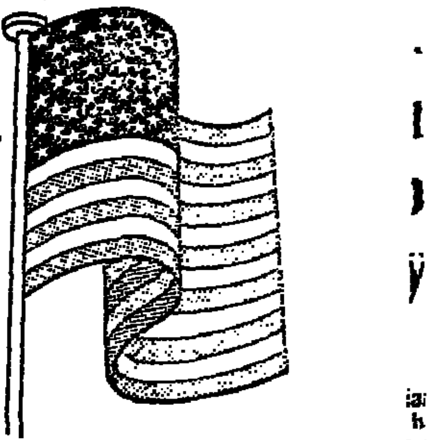
But he says he learned his lesson and has toughened up. Local politicians say they believe he will campaign for re-election to a fourth term as governor in two years. Mr Richard Gaines, editor of the *Boston Phoenix*, said: "Dukakis has intimated to friends that he expects to seek a fourth term. But returning as a loser he'll find many of his political loans called in."

While most local commentators agree that Mr Dukakis has emerged with honour and with enhanced stature, he will certainly suffer one consequence of the national campaign. This is the damage from the huge Republican assault on his record as governor and author of the "Massachusetts Miracle".

People who have watched Mr Dukakis for years say the campaign has transformed him. "As the gruelling marathon ends, something quite bizarre and unexpected has happened to the little Greek runner," said Peter Gelzinis in the *Boston Herald*. "Michael Stanley Dukakis has turned into a hipster. Somewhere during this last gasp, the man has stumbled upon soul."

One newspaper asked, "which Michael Dukakis?" will be coming home. "Will it be the buttoned-down, cool-headed, clear-eyed, stone-faced chief executive we all known too well? Or will he come back to Beacon Hill as the new Mike, the man who's inspired crowds of cheering farmers, autoworkers, grape pickers and college students across the country to greet him with chants of 'Duke ... Duke'?"

On the move to the very end, Governor Dukakis and his wife, Kitty, waving to supporters in San Francisco, one of the last stops on their final day of campaigning before flying home.



PROPOSITIONS

Baffling array of local issues

By Charles Bremner

Picking the President was the easy part of yesterday's exercise for Californians. The state's voters had the task of making up their minds on a numbing array of law-making referendums covering everything from car insurance to Aids testing.

As viewers suffered through a mind-boggling last-minute blitz of television commercials from competing factions, the State Supreme Court decided to throw out a 10-minute limit on the time a citizen could spend in the voting booth.

With 29 "Propositions" on the ballot, it could have taken that amount of time for many immigrant citizens just to read the list. For the critics, California is suffering democracy gone mad. Competing interest groups spent about $130 million (£73.8 million) pushing their cases — far more than in the presidential campaign.

Given California's role as America's political trend-setter, the rest of the country was watching closely today for the outcome of the Aids vote and several of the 28 other "propositions" which could become law with a majority vote.

The state's medical establishment was holding its breath, hoping the state would reject the proposition which would require doctors to report all Aids cases and investigate and notify the sexual partners of victims.

The measure had been destined for defeat, according to opinion polls, until Mr George Deukmejian, the popular conservative governor, defied the advice of his own experts and said he supported it.

The Aids referendum, however, sparked nothing like the furore and farce of the five competing ballots on car insurance, an issue on which Californians are said to harbour far stronger feelings than the mere choice of President.

The insurance war started as an attempt by a group led by Mr Ralph Nader, the grandfather of consumer activists, to curb by 20 per cent the astronomical cost of insuring cars in the state. The other main players, the insurance companies and trial lawyers, jumped into the act, sponsoring their own propositions to counter the Nader initiative.

Though no other state had anything like the laundry-list of Californian lawmaking, several local referendums sparked heated battles. In Maryland, for example, the powerful National Rifle Association poured millions of dollars into a proposition that would repeal a law banning cheap handguns, the so-called "Saturday night specials".

In Colorado, politicians of every party and the state governor fought a referendum that would require a referendum each time the state wanted to raise any tax.

AFTER THE ELECTION

Hi-tech office the hub of influence

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

On the eighth floor of an unimposing building, housing a fast-food restaurant and a branch of a foreign bank, a new office today became the hub of political influence and power in this capital city.

It is the "Office of the President-Elect", and in the coming 73 days of transition it will make preparations for the new President formally to take office on Inauguration Day, January 20.

During the transition, cabinet members will be selected and Senate confirmation hearings held; White House and other Administration officials will be hired; and policy papers drafted.

The process of change-over also involves moving President Reagan's office, personal papers and records, and generally preparing the President-elect for his role.

The United States General Services Administration, the Federal Government's housekeeping agency, has been working for several months to smooth the transition.

Before the election, representatives of both campaigns chose the premises, ordered equipment and installed telephone lines. Technology has provided one big change. For the incoming Reagan team eight years ago only a few computer terminals were available. Today there is a complete system compatible with both the White House and the Pentagon.

On January 20 transition team officials will have merely to take their floppy discs and insert them in different terminals in the new departments.

As well as advising on logistics, the transition office also makes sure that the new President stays within the budget allowed.

Congress has passed legislation that stipulates how much the new President and his staff can spend, but the law is vague on spending areas.

Under the first Transition Law, passed in 1975, Congress authorized the spending of $900,000 (about £500,000), but recently it allocated $5 million for the 1988 transition, the highest amount approved to date.

The incoming President and Vice-President will be given $3.5 million for the change-over; the outgoing Administration $1.5 million.

THE TELEVISION BATTLE

Broadcasting chiefs feel manipulated

By Charles Bremner

In 1960, television became a decisive tool in the presidential campaign. Twenty-eight years later, television *was* the campaign.

For the first time in history, the campaign was devised and orchestrated as a purely television event, with victory going to the side which best played the medium.

As the dust settled from the 20-month marathon yesterday, there was an uneasy feeling among the chiefs of the broadcast news business that they and the public had been manipulated and they have no idea how to change things the next time around.

"We let them get away with it," said Mr Dan Rather, the star "anchorman" of CBS news.

Looking at the longer term, many experts see the campaign as an historic turning point where the all-powerful visual medium conquered reasoned argument and the business of picking the president finally crossed the hazy line that divides politics from the realm of entertainment.

This trivializing of the political process, say the pessimists, is only a symptom of the transition to a society of electronic "infotainment", which feeds on strong pictures and one-line jokes and television news "soundbites". Any Briton who has doubts about one route that television can take, should catch a glimpse of an American news show.

Some experts are saying that the prophesies of Professor Marshall McLuhan 30 years ago about the medium becoming the message have finally come true in 1988. In essence, the story line has been dropped in favour of a disjointed sequence of images.

Television and its use by the "handlers" of the Bush team in particular, are being widely blamed for the sense of malaise and the ugly side of the 1988 campaign, rather than the candidates themselves.

"There is a sense that something is amiss, that the system has got out of hand and no one is satisfied with the politics of the television era," said the *Los Angeles Times* in an investigation this week.

“The prophesies of Marshall McLuhan ..have finally come true”

Among the findings of opinion polls, 60 per cent of the public thinks television did a bad job covering the election and more than half believe they know too little about the candidates, despite their saturation of the nation's television screens.

The television news managers, most of them from the old school of journalism, say the big change has come from the way the Bush campaign seized control of the "visuals" and staged a state-of-the-art marketing drive that used the news to sell their product. This meant that not only were they able to mould their man's image through "paid media", or commercials, but they harmonized these with the all-important visuals of the network evening news, or "free media", in their jargon.

As a *Wall Street Journal* editor put it: "TV producers are like nymphomaniacs when it comes to visuals."

The art form was pioneered by Mr Michael Deaver in Mr Ronald Reagan's elections of 1980 and 1984.

In that campaign, Mr Deaver uttered the new doctrine — it does not matter what the story is. If the picture is good, the viewer pays no attention to "negative spin" from the reporter.

This year, Mr Roger Ailes, Mr Bush's "media guru", took the idea further and reduced the candidate's campaign to a pageant of packaged events before symbolic backdrops. Mr Ailes worked on his declared principle that "TV only covers three things — visuals, attacks and mistakes".

Through these staged events, Mr Bush hammered relentlessly on three or four emotional issues picked after intensive market testing with "focus groups" of voters around the country.

These "hot button" issues were principally Mr Dukakis's imputed lack of patriotism, his "sympathy" for rapists and murderers and his "liberal" inclination to raise taxes.

To keep the message "pure", the media men kept Mr Bush sealed off from almost all contact with the travelling press, the body of reporters who traditionally accompanied the candidates and subjected them to daily probing. It was a crucial two months before Mr Dukakis and his far more amateur team started playing the same game.

By then, the campaign had settled into the now celebrated war of the sound bites and both sides agreed to a sterilised debate format in which no answer would exceed two minutes and there would be no exchanges between candidates. In their television adverts, both campaigns, by general agreement, indulged in shameless distortion of the facts.

“Sixty per cent of the public thinks TV did a bad job covering the election”

The network television shows eventually reacted to their manipulation by curbing their cover of more blatant "picture opps", such as Mr Bush's visit to a flag factory.

The TV news editors are now in a bind about what to do the next time.

"We have got to re-evaluate how we cover campaigns," said Mr Roone Arledge, the president of ABC News. But he had no specific proposals.

With the thirst for pictures and the ferocious competition among the networks, any form of boycott is unthinkable.

The best salvation, everyone agrees, would be the emergence of a candidate strong enough to break free from the campaign packaging and achieve victory on real issues by force of simple personality.

CONTRAST OF THE VICE–PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Oscar performance in a supporting role

By Christopher Thomas

Senator Lloyd Bentsen was the undisputed star of the presidential campaign. The lanky, genial Texan was hardly able to attend a rally without the heartfelt chant: "Bentsen for President".

He was mobbed by students, cheered by blacks and Hispanics and given thunderous applause by farmers and blue-collar workers across the country. Of the four 1988 contenders he was the only one who inspired any real passion.

It is not supposed to be that way. Vice-presidential contenders are not meant to steal the limelight or to keep appearing on network television. And they are certainly not supposed to be more popular than the contender himself.

But this courtly aristocrat, a multi-millionaire landowner and real estate tycoon, left many wondering why Mr Dukakis was not *his* running-mate. He did run for president once – in 1976 – but his bid fizzled out quickly.

Senator Bentsen was unknown then, but his TV debate with Senator Dan Quayle made him an overnight celebrity. His crushing comment to the young Indiana senator – "You're no Jack Kennedy" – was perhaps the campaign's most memorable line. He was returned to the Senate yesterday with a clear majority.

But many of his supporters did not back the Dukakis-Bentsen presidential ticket, principally because of doubts about Mr Dukakis's liberal reputation.

Many commentators have mused that Bush-Bentsen would have made a powerful team. Senator Bentsen's stature and influence have been so greatly enhanced by the campaign that he is certain to be involved closely in what could be a ferocious post-election fight for control of the Democratic Party, with the Rev Jesse Jackson heading a powerful liberal wing and Senator Bentsen sitting firmly in the conservative corner.

The Baptist preacher has dropped heavy hints that he would run for president in 1992 if Mr Dukakis lost: "The full scope of my leadership has yet to blossom and flourish."

Senator Bentsen, aged 67, refused to discuss the role he might play in trying to stop the Democrats from tearing themselves apart in the face of Mr Jackson's fierce ambition. But it is clear that these are now the two largest figures in the party, and a battle between the conservative and liberal wings would focus on them.

Senator Bentsen's reception on the campaign trail was unprecedented for a vice-presidential contender. He even made a five-minute commercial for national television. No running-mate has ever done that before.

He was chosen to placate the conservative wing and to give the party a fighting chance of capturing his home state of Texas. But when his popularity began to surge he was told to leave the Lone Star state and campaign nationwide, particularly in California and the Midwest.

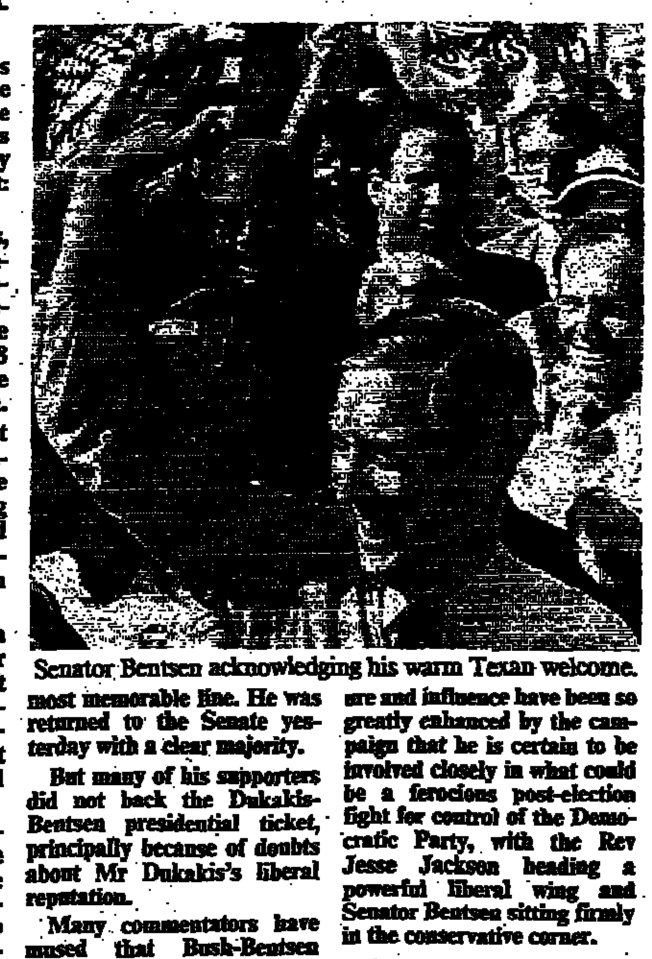
For the first time since 1960, when Senator Lyndon Johnson ran for vice-president and helped to carry Texas for the Democrats, a vice-presidential contender had become a force to be reckoned with. It was clear that most audiences came to hear *him*; crowds often remained stonily silent when he praised Mr Dukakis.

The Texan seemed to remind many voters of President Reagan – ideologically committed, elderly, friendly and solid. Nearly all opinion polls gave him favourable ratings, far above those of Vice-President Bush, Mr Dukakis and Senator Quayle. Some even showed him more popular than Mr Reagan.

Some Democrats have all but acknowledged that he might have been a better choice. Mr Jim Wright, Speaker of the House of Representatives, said people were not comfortable with Mr Dukakis, but saw Mr Bentsen as "a person of flesh and blood, a warm human being".

State organizations clamoured for campaign visits from him: the very opposite was true of many Republican groups which appealed to party headquarters to keep Mr Quayle away from them.

Senator Bentsen arrived home to a tumultuous welcome at last-minute rallies across Texas. His speeches never seemed so good, his timing never so precise. "I've been Quayle-hunting," he declared. "I've had a good time. I'm not supposed to, I guess, but I have."



Senator Bentsen acknowledging his warm Texan welcome.

Winning strategy turned on Quayle's 'disappearance'

By Charles Bremner

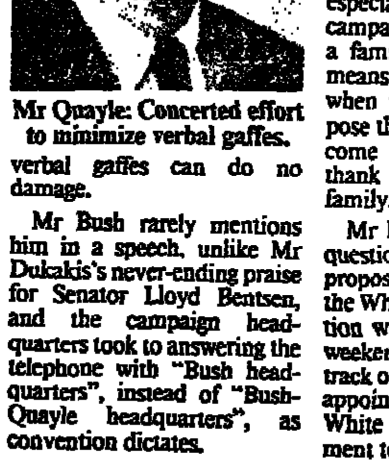
Basking in the glory of his victory, Mr George Bush will have to confront one troubling question: What to do with Mr Dan Quayle.

His selection of the raw Indiana senator is acknowledged even by some senior Bush staff to have been the biggest error of his campaign and one that could have lost him the presidency had Mr Dukakis known better how to exploit it.

For the sake of winning the White House, the Bush campaign used the strategy of making Mr Quayle "disappear". Anyone who did not know otherwise would have had the impression that the young senator had left the campaign months ago.

Mr Richard Viguerie, a spokesman for the most conservative Republicans, has been complaining that the senator is under "house arrest".

To minimize what came to be known as "Quayle drag", the Bush "handlers" have kept the vice-presidential nominee campaigning in small towns in areas that are either strongly Republican or Democrat – in other words, places where his verbal gaffes can do no damage.



Mr Quayle: Concerted effort to minimize verbal gaffes.

Mr Bush rarely mentions him in a speech, unlike Mr Dukakis's never-ending praise for Senator Lloyd Bentsen, and the campaign headquarters took to answering the telephone with "Bush headquarters", instead of "Bush-Quayle headquarters", as convention dictates.

Mr Quayle has done a fairly good job of sticking to his prepared texts, but occasionally he strays. The following is his unscripted offering at a Thanksgiving festival in a remote Virginia plantation this week.

"I suppose three important things certainly come to my mind that we want to say thank you. The first would be our family. Your family, my family – which is composed of an immediate family of a wife and three children, ... We all have our family whichever that may be. And time and again I'm often reminded especially in a presidential campaign of the importance of a family and what a family means to this country. And so when you pay thanks I suppose the first thing that would come to mind would be to thank the Lord for the family."

Mr Bush has lately evaded questions on the duties he proposes to give Mr Quayle in the White House. In conversation with David Frost at the weekend he appeared to backtrack on a previous promise to appoint him as chief of the White House's crisis-management team.

Mr Dukakis seized on the issue this week in the dying days of his campaign, saying "That's a joke, Dan Quayle as crisis manager. He is the crisis that has to be managed."

The search for Middle East peace

Moscow's role in forging new moderate Arab axis

From Christopher Walker, Amman

Mr Taher al-Masri, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, yesterday predicted there would be a new Soviet initiative aimed at solving the Middle East crisis. He also revealed that Moscow had played a central role in recent moves to forge a new moderate Arab axis, culminating in last month's mini-summits in Aqaba and Baghdad.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr al-Masri, a Palestinian and former ambassador to London, said: "We hear from the Soviet side that Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister, would like to come to the area, although as yet there is no specific date.

"Certainly, his visit will be most welcome. We follow with great appreciation the efforts of the Soviet Union towards bringing the parties closer to each other. In the last few months, they have been very helpful indeed."

The minister was referring to the *rapprochement* reached at talks between King Husain of Jordan and Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which were attended by President Mubarak of Egypt, who then flew to Iraq with Mr Arafat to meet President Saddam Hussein. They were followed last week by the Jordanian monarch, who also had talks with the Iraqi leader.

Mr al-Masri's disclosure of the part played by the Soviet Union was seen by Western diplomats as a welcome sign that Moscow is becoming much less responsive to the wishes of Syria, its main ally in the region, whose radical leadership is angered by the emergence of the new moderate alliance.

The confirmation of Moscow's rising profile comes after reports from well-placed sources that the Kremlin recently sent envoys to discuss a seven-point peace plan, already put privately to the United States, for what would be a concerted multi-lateral attempt to solve the 40-year-old Palestinian problem.

According to a version put to PLO leaders in Tunis, the elements of the plan would include the PLO's renunciation of terrorism, Arab recognition of Israel's right to exist, and Israeli recognition of the Palestinians' right to an independent state in the occupied territories.

Reports about the plan were followed by the disclosure in New York that, in September, the US dropped its previous rigid objections and for the first time permitted discussion of the Middle East at a closed meeting of the foreign ministers of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Yesterday, officials here claimed the talks had been followed by correspondence between Washington and Tunis indicating that the US was closer to granting the PLO a role in the peace process.

One source read from the text of alleged letters between the US State Department and the PLO's executive committee in which arguments were exchanged on exactly how the PLO proposed to try to meet US requirements. It is known that PLO leaders have been under heavy pressure from Moscow to moderate their stand.

The Kremlin has leaned particularly hard on the Syrian-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in an attempt to prevent it from sabotaging the new trend towards recognition of Israel when the crucial session of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's "parliament in exile" opens in Algiers on Saturday.

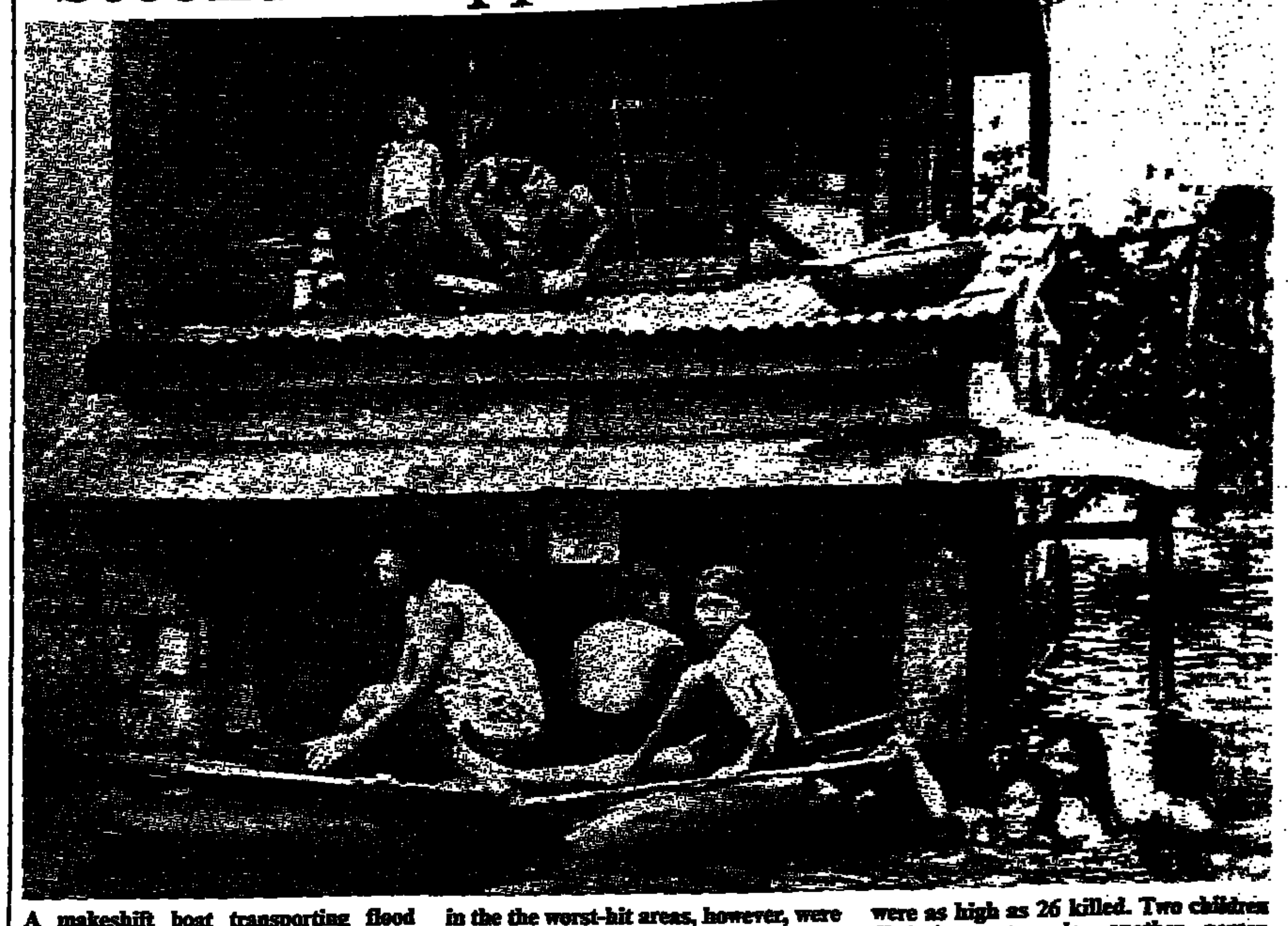
The Soviet bid was said by Arab diplomats to have been strongly countered by Syria, which is threatening to withdraw privileges, including leases from those radical Palestinians living in Damascus who fail to vote against moderation at the four-day national council session.

Mr al-Masri's confirmation of the impending tour by Mr Shevardnadze follows persistent rumours that the Soviet Foreign Minister may attempt a meeting with the Israelis when he is in Cairo.

Jordan and other members of the moderate Arab camp have told Moscow they have no objection in principle to its resuming diplomatic relations with Israel, broken in 1967, if this is delayed until after the long-awaited Middle East Peace Conference.

Despite recent improving ties between Israel and the Eastern bloc and new consular exchanges between Moscow and Tel Aviv, President Gorbachov is insistent that the Soviet Union will not resume ties until the day such a conference opens.

Second Philippines typhoon kills 30



A makeshift boat transporting flood victims in Manila yesterday after Typhoon Skip devastated the Philippines, killing at least 30 people and forcing thousands to flee their homes. It is the second time in a fortnight that a typhoon has torn through the islands.

Power and telephone lines were cut, and reports of casualties were sketchy (*Humphrey Hawksley writes from Manila*). The capital had torrential rain, but escaped the worst of the storm. Included in the the worst-hit areas, however, were the central island of Leyte, and the Philippines' second city, Cebu, where eight people died in floods.

President Aquino immediately declared Cebu a disaster area, but her Government was condemned by at least one provincial governor — Mr Luis Villafuerte of Camarines Sur — for failing to take safeguards against typhoons.

The casualties in Camarines Sur alone were as high as 26 killed. Two children died in a tornado, another person drowned and 23 people were feared to have died in a mudslide.

Typhoon Skip is the twentieth tropical storm to have hit the Philippines this year. Officials said that yesterday's storm triggered small earthquakes, tornadoes, landslides and flooding. Up to half a million people were said to have been affected. Only two weeks ago, Typhoon Ruby killed at least 180 people.

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Chilean military shake-up

Meteoric rise of 'Pinochet heir'

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Recent changes in the Chilean Army bode ill for opposition leaders' hopes that a peaceful transition to democratic rule could be negotiated with General Augusto Pinochet after his defeat in a plebiscite a month ago.

President Pinochet, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Army, surprised analysts earlier this week when he retired the Public Works Minister, General Bruno Siebert, and appointed General Santiago Sinclair whom he retired only last week as his representative in the four-man military junta.

General Sinclair has worked closely with General Pinochet since 1979 as head of his personal office, now called the General Secretariat of the Presidency.

He replaced General Humberto Gordon, the former head of Chile's notorious secret police, the Centro Nacional de Inteligencia. The change seems to reflect General Pinochet's intention to speed up the implementation of his reform plans.

General Sinclair is an impassioned defender of the military Government's 1980 Constitution and has a low opinion of the opposition, which he accused in August of having a "seditious, revolutionary (attitude) of clear rebelliousness".

The Army's annual qualifications process was delayed for a month after the plebiscite. This week's changes bring the total of senior generals who are retiring to 16, a record number. General Jorge Zincke rose from the fourteenth to the second position in the military hierarchy, to become Deputy-Commander.

He is widely considered a proponent of a return of the Chilean Army to its "professional role". A closer look at his career, however, shows he enjoys the President's absolute trust and there is speculation that he is being groomed to succeed General Pinochet.

General Pinochet's appearance in civilian clothes to announce the changes — unprecedented for a formal session with his generals — started speculation that he might resign as Commander-in-Chief. However, this seems highly unlikely since the Army is his main source of power.

Death toll in Chinese earthquake tops 700

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

More than 700 people are known to have been killed and nearly 850 injured in Sunday's earthquake in China.

The death toll is the highest in a Chinese earthquake since 242,000 people died in Tangshan in 1978.

Despite confusion over official reports of the casualties – with some agencies putting the number of dead at about 600 – aid agencies have been given an accurate picture by the Government.

Television reports yesterday showed the extent of the damage caused by the earthquake, which happened in a remote jungle area near the border with Burma. Teams of rescue workers were shown driving past fallen trees and ruined houses. Thousands have been made homeless.

Fourteen villages bore the brunt of the earthquake, which measured 7.6 on the Richter scale. Most buildings in Lancang district and houses in 14 surrounding districts were destroyed, and communications cut.

Relief workers reached the region of the earthquake's epicentre yesterday morning and rescued 100 survivors from the area. Other rescue workers were stranded in Simao, the nearest town to the hardest-hit area.

Mr Trevor Page, a World Food Programme representative, said that China had not yet requested aid. He said he had heard no reports of food or water shortages in the area.

Meanwhile a less powerful earthquake affecting the remote and sparsely populated north-western provinces of Qinghai and Tibet took place on Saturday. There have been no reports of casualties.

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PARLIAMENT

Lords reject free eye tests for pensioners

The House of Lords backed the Government's decision to charge for eye tests by a majority of 50 votes during debate on Commons amendments to the Health and Medicines Bill. Voting was 207 in favour of a motion to reject charges and 257 against.

Peers then went on to debate – and defeat – an Opposition motion to provide for free eye tests for all pensioners.

Earlier, the House agreed not to insist on its amendment making dental checks free for everyone after being told that the Commons had invoked its privilege to control Government expenditure.

Lord Belstead, Leader of the House, moved that the Lords did not insist on its amendment which effectively prohibited charging for dental examinations.

"Your lordships had every right to pass that amendment and thereby to ask the Commons to think again on this matter. As a result, this issue has been debated twice by the House of Commons and when MPs did so last week, they were able to take full account of the views expressed .

"On both occasions, they decided that it was right to proceed with the proposal to charge for dental examinations. In sending their amendment back, they have simply given their financial privilege as the reason for disagreeing.

"Where they offer such a reason, then this House does not insist upon it. As *Erskine May* puts it: 'This hint of privilege is generally accepted by the Lords and the amendment is not insisted upon.'"

The House should not lightly put the Commons financial privilege aside and should therefore not insist on its amendment.

The proposal was that the charge for NHS dental examinations should be put on the same basis as all other dental treatment. People who were not exempt would pay 75 per cent of the cost which would work out at just over £3 for an examination.

"I really do not believe that this will act as a deterrent, provided that there are fair exemptions."

The same people now exempt from paying charges for treatmnet would be exempt from paying an examination charge. These would be all children under 16, together with 17 and 18-year-olds, students under 19 and people on income support, family credit and expectant and nursing mothers.

Some 38 per cent of the population, or 21 million people, would get fee dental examinations as well as treatment completely free:

"If today we were to insist on the Lords amendment, we would be forcing the state to offer free dental examinations to everyone, however well off, instead of redirecting those resources for the developmnet of family doctor, dental and eye sevices."

Lord Ennals, for the Opposition, said that Labour peers greatly regretted both decisions taken in the House of Commons.

"As far as we are concerned the principles of both free dental examinations and free sight tests are the same."

He asked if the Government *would* be prepared to think again about its decision on dental charges if those opposed to the sight test charges were succesful later in the debate.

Lady Gardner of Parkes (C), a dentist, said that she spoke with great regret because it were her amendment that they had passed in July. The whole dental profession looked at the proposal to charge for examninations as a very regressive move.

She still viewed the examination as a screening process. She asked the Government to look at the possibility of screening for oral cancer with no charge.

The Government should consider the position of elderly patients. The Chancellor had said in the last day that these were the very people he would ike to target. All people over 70 should be exempt from charges.

"I do accept that we are bound by the ruling from the Commons on this issue and we cannot debate it fully today."

Lord Colwyn (C) said that he had intended to put down an amendment insisting on the Lords amendment but it had been made clear to him that this would not be in order.

The health care professions were united in opposing these charges. "There is no shadow of doubt that we have won the argument against both proposals."

Millions of people suffered unnecessarily because they were not being directed towards health promotion. Access to advice was the foundation. The Government's proposed charges would put that whole approach at risk.

He shared the concern of MPs who did not feel that satisfactory answers had been given to their questions. The Government had tried to make priorities of parts of the body. All parts should be looked after.

Neither House had paid enough attention to the sheer misery of teeth loss or poor sight. He was sorry that the Commons had invoked financial privilege and had denied them the chance to test it in the Lords.

Lord Glenamara (Lab) asked Lord Belstead to expalin how there could be financial privilege today if there was not financial privilege a few weeks ago.

"What will the public make of a Parliament in which one House is forbidden to discuss something which it could discuss two or three weeks ago?"

Lord Belstead, replying, said that the Chancellor and Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security, were looking at *those on retirement pensions*.

The Lords then agreed without a vote not to insist on the amendment.

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne (C) moved that they insist on the amendment rejecting charging for eye tests. He had been told that there was no constitutional problem with this clause.

After extraordinary pressure from the whips in the Commons, the Government had seen the amendment passed by a slender margin of eight votes. There was no doubt what the result would have been had there been a free vote.

In spite of widespread opposition, the Government had not seen fit to make any concessions except at the margins.

He had been a spokesman for the DHSS in the Lords. The views he held today were the views he had been convinced were right then. It was the views of the department or of the health ministers that had changed.

Many people would be deterred from having their eyes examined if they had to pay with the consequence that many diseases, not only of the eye, would not be picked up until it was too late.

Whatever ministers might say, he believed many people, particularly the elderly, having to raise £10 or so for an eye test, would be tempted not to do so.

He found surprising the Government's view, that the payment would not be a deterrent. This was from a Government that believed so much in market forces. Surely, cost was a vital ingredient in any market.

He was not by nature a particularly rebellious character (Laughter). So he asked the Leader of the House to offer a compromise.

There would no need to touch the Bill at all if he could give a positive assurance to make worthwhile additions to exempt categories by regulations.

If Lord Belstead could not find a way to do this, he would have no alternative but to divide the House. "We are in his hands." One obvious category for exemption would be the elderly.

He had the greatest admiration for the Government but believed it was right and proper for peers to speak up if they were convinced that it was making a mistake.

Lord Belstead said that clearly, questions of financial privilege were involved here. Next year the NHS was to receive the biggest increase in funding ever. The demands on the modern health service were always increasing, so the Government planned to increase spending on the primary health care services. It was proposed to make a significant contribution to this by asking those who could afford it to contribute towards the cost of teeth and eye examinations which would realize £135 million.

Those who were on income support or family credit would continue to have free sight tests. For those with incomes a little above the qualifying level for income support there would be voucher arrangements. There would also be free tests for people with diabetes and with glaucoma. There were other examptions concerned with the hereditary element.

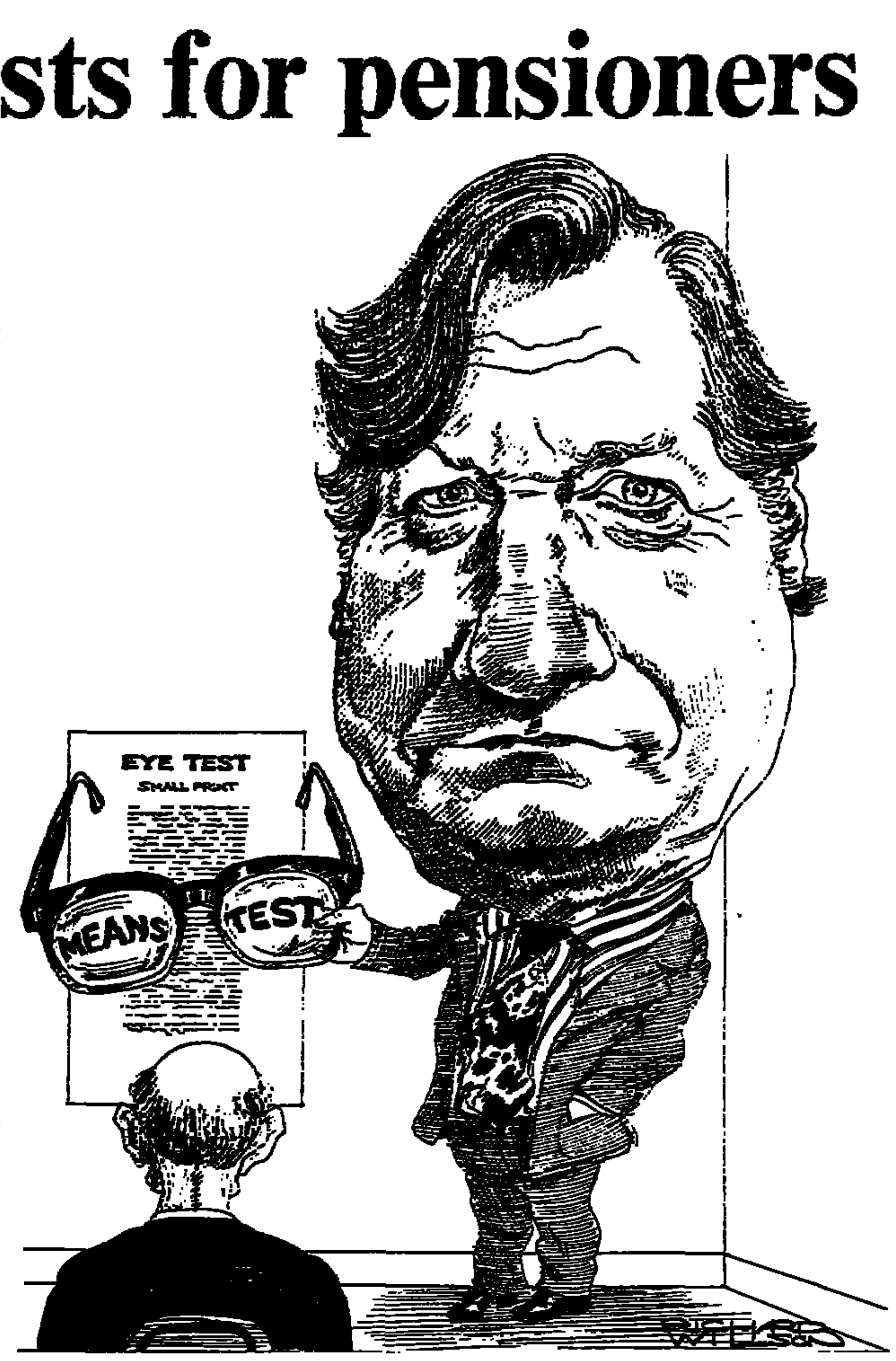
There were also exemptions for students, the registered blind and the partially sighted.

There had not been any deterrent when the Government brought forward legislation four years ago to deregulate the dispensing of spectacles. At that time there had been gloom and doom from Labour peers, but greater use had been made of the optical services available.

Some 25 per cent of all pensioners were on income support and would automatically qualify for free testing under the Bill.

In the light of all these exemptions, and the voucher scheme, it was difficult to see the force of the argument as to why better off pensioners should be exempted in preference to other sections of the population who might be on the same income.

The Speaker had made clear that privilege was involved in these amendments. "There can be no question that this is an issue which involves Commons financial privilege. So I strongly recommend that this House should not now insist in the face of Commons disagreement."



Lord Ennals, who said once one started on the slippery slope of introducing charges, who knew what the consequences would be for the introduction of other charges.

Lord Ennals said that he was disappointed by Lord Belstead's assurances and did not imagine that they could satisfy the concern of those who faced a difficult issue today. The minister in the Commons had said that there would be no concessions, and that quite clearly was the situation reflected by Lord Belstead.

On financial privilege, clearly the Speaker had not ruled against consideration of this particular matter, so no constitutional issues arose.

"We are not debating the broad issue of the funding of the NHS; we are debating a proposal to breach a 40 year agreement of all parties which has supported preventive medicine."

The decision of principle that peers had taken on the last occasion had been warmly welcomed by most MPs. Peers should not let down the country and also those who elsewhere had given their support to that decision.

It was difficult to see what evidence there was, other than a requirement for savings, for the Government's position.

Once one started on a slippery slope of introducing charges, who knew what the consequences would be for the introduction of other charges. "The House would be quite *right to take a principled view* on this."

Had there been a free vote in the Commons, and if there were a free vote in the Lords, the Government's proposals would be thrown out by a large majority.

Plea for press right to reply

The Sunday newspaper journalists accused by the Chancellor of misreporting his off-the-record briefing last Friday should have an opportunity to defend their reputations in public, Mr **Frank Dobson**, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, said in raising a point of order.

It was a serious matter, he said, since the access of journalists to the Palace of Westminster could be withdrawn for misbehaviour. The journalists at the briefing had been accused by the *Chancellor of producing* a farrago of invention that bore no relation to what he had said. That was a serious charge to make against the journalists.

There had been a tape recording of the meeting and that ought to be made public so that the discrepancies between what the Chancellor said and what he had been reported as saying could be judged.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that these were not matters for him.

Third reading for rates Bill

The Rate Support Grants Bill, designed to prevent "creative accounting" by local councils as they change from rates to the poll tax, was read the third time in the Commons early on Tuesday morning. Voting on the Bill, which was opposed by *Labour* MPs, was 142 to 46 – Government majority, 96.

The third reading followed more than seven hours of detailed debate in committee on the measure, which modifies the way in which block grant payments to local authorities are to be calculated for the remaining years of the present rate support grants system.

Unleaded cars bought

The Government is buying cars which can run on unleaded petrol when existing vehicles become due for replacement, and so far, 29 of the 79 allocated to ministers can run on unleaded fuel, **Mr Christopher Chope**, Under Secretary of State for Environment, said in a Commons written reply.

Polish visit

Conservative backbenchers cheered during questions when the Prime Minister said that Labour could not stand the fact that she had got a warm welcome in all parts of Poland.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Housing Bill and School Boards (Scotland) Bill, Lords amendments.
Lords (2.30): Debates on the disabled, EEC farm price review and relations between the Metropolitan Police and the public.

Tory welcome for school opt-outs

EDUCATION

Both the Prime Minister and Mr **Kenneth Baker**, Secretary of State for Education, welcomed the fact that schools were opting out of local authority control in favour of direct grants from the Government. Mr Baker said that he was delighted that so *many schools* were seriously considering grant-aided status. Competition would mean better quality and would be good for children.

His department had received inquiries from a large number of parents, governors and others about the opting-out provisions of the Education Reform Act. The Electoral Reform Society expected 15 ballots before Christmas.

Mr Peter Thurnham (Bolton North East, C) asked him to give an early and favourable reply to the governors of St James's Church of England School, Bolton, fighting to save their school from threatened closure. It was ironic for Bolton's Labour Council to choose such a popular school where 99 per cent of parents, in an 84 per cent turn out, had voted convincingly to seize the Government's lifeline.

Mr Baker said that he could not comment on a particular case because when proposals came before him he was in a quasi-judicial position and he had to examine the proposals carefully. After the statutory period had elapsed he would deal with the proposals as quickly as possible.

Mr David Madel (South West Bedfordshire, C): Will he always look sympathetically on schools who get good examination results and have strong parental support and are only threatened by closure because of party political manoeuvring by councillors and inexplicable hostility by local education authority officials?

Mr Baker: These are factors I have to take into account when I am considering various matters. I have made clear in guidance in the past that one should not be too hasty, as happened too often in the past, in closing down schools of proven worth.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that Mr Baker was placing local education authorities in a *quite impossible position* because on the one hand he had been putting them under pressure to close down surplus places and on the other, any school now faced with closure might decide, understandably, to opt out.

What undertakings would he give to education authorities, Labour or Conservative, to implement his policy on orderly school closures, and what undertakings to ensure there would be no favourable treatment in bribing of schools to entice them to opt out?

Mr Baker said that the Opposition had shifted its ground on grant-maintained status. When the Bill went through the House the argument had been that very few would do it. Now Mr Straw said that lots of schools would be attracted by it. He had been told that very few parents would vote. Labour MPs should look at the first two ballots. The Government was not offering financial advantage to grant-maintained schools.

During Prime Minister's question time, **Mr Thurnham** asked the Prime Minister whether she welcomed the overwhelming vote of the parents at St James's Church School, which, he said, proved that the Government had the radical policies which most people in the country wanted.

Mrs Thatcher: It is clear that most parents welcome the extra choice under those policies and wish to be more involved in their children's education.

Student funding to be changed soon

Changes in student maintenance will be announced shortly, but there are no proposals for students receiving mandatory awards to contribute towards part of their tuition fees, **Mr Kenneth Baker**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons question time.

Answering a question from **Mr Alan Beith** (Berwick-upon-Tweed, Dem) about changes to the system of student financial support, Mr Baker said that, subject to Parliamentary approval, mandatory awards would be increased by 5 per cent in the 1989-90 academic year.

Mr Beith said even that would not make up for the 20 per cent decline in student awards since the 1970s. How did Mr Baker evaluate that against the suggestion that eight universities would be charging £500 a year tuition fees? Or was that another case of journalists get*ting it all wrong?*

Mr Andrew Bennett, an Opposition spokesman on education, asked how the Government would tackle the central problem that far too few 16 year olds were staying on in full time education.

Mr Baker said that the student grant was to be uprated next year by the forecast rate of inflation. He always encouraged youngsters to stay on at 16 and 18. Since 1979, there were 200,000 extra students in higher education.

Kinnock and Thatcher in angry clash

PENSIONS

Three times Mr Neil Kinnock, the Leader of the Opposition, asked Mrs Thatcher whether she agreed with Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that only a small minority of pensioners had difficulties making ends meet.

With Labour MPs shouting for her to answer the question, the Prime Minister said that she would answer questions in her own way.

At the first time of asking, **Mrs Thatcher** said: The incomes of pensioners have gone up enormously during the lifetime of this Government. Everyone has a basic pension. Most people now have a second pension and those who don't have income support. He is aware that the increases in income support were announced last week.

Mr Kinnock: The House and the country will note the Prime Minister's refusal to answer my question. Will she tell us: is her refusal due to the fact that she agrees with the Chancellor or disagrees with him?

Mrs Thatcher: Obviously he tries to quote very selective questions and therefore tries to avoid the enormous improvement in the incomes of pensioners that has taken place over the lifetime of this Government and he also tries to ignore the fact that Britain's spending on the elderly is the third highest in Europe as a proportion of GDP.

Mr Kinnock: Does she agree with the Chancellor's view that only a small minority of pensioners have difficulty in making ends meet – or is she as ashamed of him as she should be?

Mrs Thatcher: If it had not been for the excellent stewardship.... (Labour MPs: Answer the question). I shall answer questions in my own way. If it had not been for the excellent stewardship of the Chancellor we should not now have a higher standard of social services, including pensions, than this country has ever known; nor should we have been able to make up some of the shortfalls in pensions which Labour made.

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab): Does she agree that the statement made yesterday by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State for Health, that there is no point in further negotiations with the nurses because it would be a version of the lobster quadrille, is offensive and disgraceful?

Does she see that the porpoise right behind her and treading on her tail this week is the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has led the Government, the country and the pensioners a merry dance?

Mrs Thatcher: It was because of the Chancellor's excellent running of the economy that the nurses were able to have an increase in pay which cost the taxpayer — not the Exchequer, but the taxpayer — £928 million extra and gave nurses an increase in pay in real terms of 45 per cent more than they had under Labour.

Right of silence stays

ULSTER

The purpose of the draft Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 was not in any way to remove the so-called right of silence of suspects questioned by the police or defendants in court, **Mr Tom King**, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said when moving approval of the order.

Nothing in this order would oblige an accused to make a statement, nor was there any suggestion that silence should be an offence, he said. The purpose of the order was to allow a court in certain carefully defined circumstances to draw such inferences as would be proper from an accused's silence.

At present the law in Northern Ireland, as in England and Wales, precluded a trial judge from suggesting to the jury that adverse inference might be drawn from the fact an accused chooses to remain silent when questioned by police, or in a Diplock court the effect was the judge must direct himself that he may not draw inference from the accused's silence.

The Government was impressed by the arguments and recommendations of the Criminal Law Revision Committee report in 1972 that in certain carefully defined circumstances it should be permissible for a court to draw adverse inference from an accused's silence during questioning.

Even if the order were approved it would in no sense be mandatory to draw any inference but only if a court or jury directed by a trial judge deemed it proper to do so.

The Government believed the arguments against change were over stated and that the CLRC arguments were stronger, full of common sense and significantly reinforced by the deliberate and extreme exploitation of the present position.

The Government proposed through this draft order that the criminal law in Northern Ireland should be amended to permit the courts in four circumstances to draw whatever inferences would be proper from the fact that an *accused* remained silent:

● The ambush – where, having remained silent during police questioning the accused offered an explanation on his conduct for the first time at trial when he might reasonably have been expected to offer it when being questioned;

● If the prosecution can establish there is a case to answer the accused must be warned that he will be called to give evidence and that if he should refuse to do so the court may draw such inferences as would appear proper;

● The court would be allowed to draw such inference as would appear proper from the accused's failure or refusal to explain to the police certain specific facts such as substances or marks on clothing;

● Similar provision if the accused fails or refuses to account for presence at a particular place.

"The RUC inform me that of all those detained for questioning in connection with serious *crimes including terrorist* offences just under half refuse to answer any substantive question at all while detained in police custody. A considerable number will not answer any question at all. It is quite clear that in too many cases justice is being thwarted and this must be remedied as soon as possible."

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the Order epitomized the politics of despair.

"Labour opposes the measure because it reveals the political bankruptcy of the Government and represents such a transformation of the legal system that no one who believes in the liberty of the citizen could support it."

The Government had abandoned hope of greater consent and was resorting to co-ercion. Its embarrassment was obvious from its behaviour. The Order bore obvious signs of being a rush measure, both in its dubious reasoning and its drafting.

Either the Order was justified by reference to the specific difficulties in Northern Ireland, in which case it was hard to see why it should be extended to the whole of Great Britain, or the Government had ulterior motives for taking away a fundamental civil right from everyone. The latter was the most feasible.

MP accused of CTC slander

Mr Derek Fatchett, an Opposition spokesman on education, was accused of slandering a company chairman during questions on the private funding of city technology colleges.

The accusation came from **Mr Baker**, who challenged Mr Fatchett to repeat his comments outside the House.

Mr Fatchett said that Mr Baker, when he launched the CTC initiative, had said that *most of the vast amounts of* money would come from private sector initiatives.

How much private sector money was involved in the Bradford CTC, which had been announced today? Or, as with all the other colleges announced, would most of the money for Bradford come from taxpayers and not from Dixons and the private sector? "Or is Mr Baker reluctant to give the figure because it shows how cheap it is *for a company chairman* like the chairman of Dixons to buy a knighthood from this Government?"

Mr Baker: That is a most malicious and unfair allegation. Perhaps he would like to repeat it outside the House where the person he slanders could, no doubt, take appropriate action.

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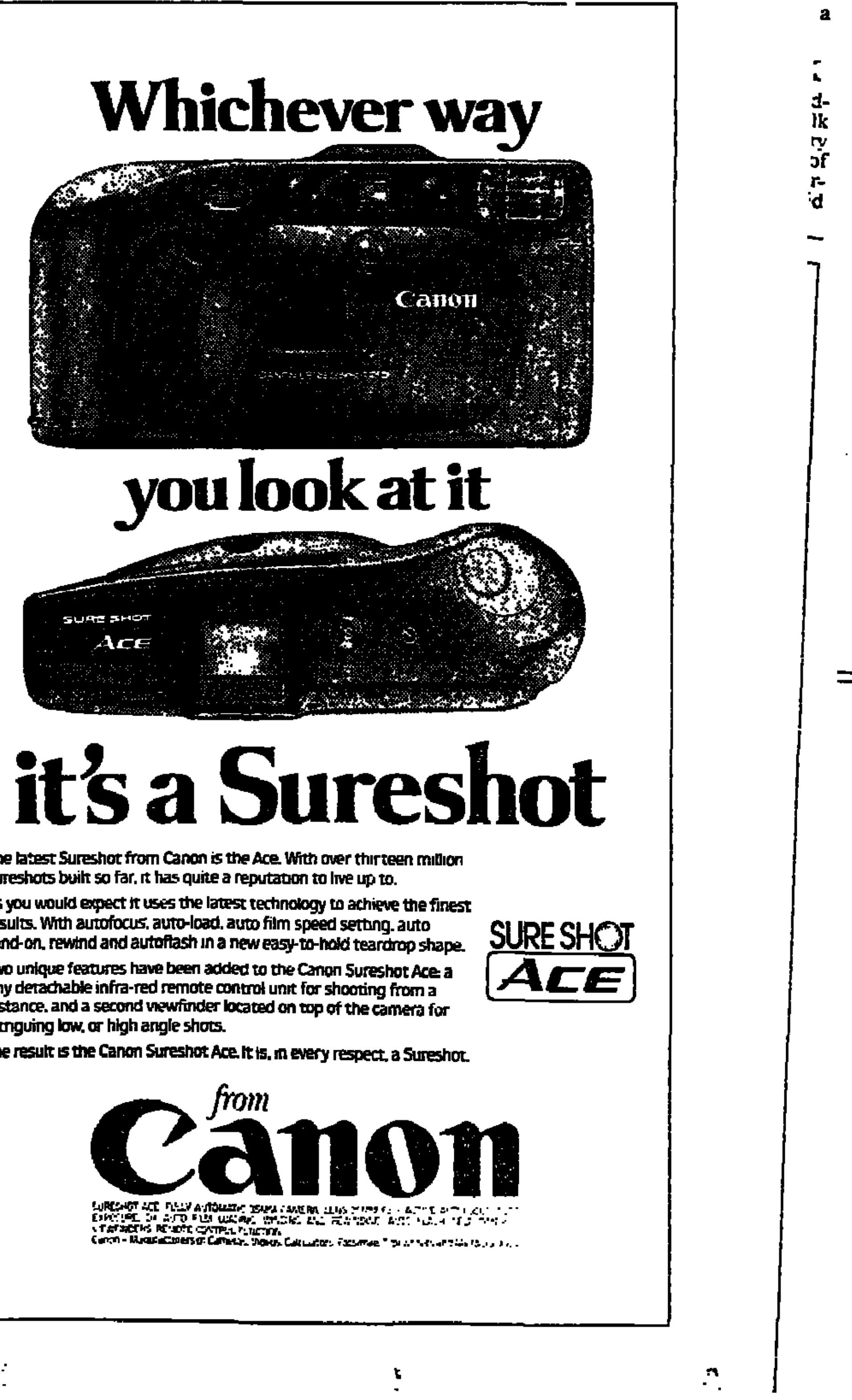
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The day that peace broke out

The most bloody war in Europe's history ended 70 years ago this week. **George Hill** talks to some of the people who lived through that astonishing Armistice Day, and hears how the news was received from the Western Front to Scapa Flow

POPPERFOTO

Rejoicing: this was the Western Front on the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918, when the men of the 9th East Surreys were told that the fighting was at an end

PETER TRIEVNOR

Remembering: John Wedderburn-Maxwell ordered a salvo

In the final moments of the Great War, Captain John Wedderburn-Maxwell, in command of a battery of field horse artillery moving up the road from Douai to Mons, ordered one last salvo from the 18-pounders to be fired into the woods, towards the enemy.

"I wanted to have one last lovely loud bang before it was all over. But the Germans were retreating as fast as they could go by then, and we never saw a sign of them all day."

Now in his 94th year, the former captain (who was awarded the DSO and MC and rose to the rank of brigadier before he retired) lives among the massed laurels and cedars of a high-Betjeman housing estate in Surrey.

With his military moustache now snow-white and a shock of white hair, he wore his Royal Horse Artillery tie, along with a tartan woollen shirt and a pullover to keep out the slight chill of a mild autumn day. He had laid out a row of military memoirs to show me in his library, with a large magnifying glass to help with the small print.

"It was a sunny day, almost as bright as this one — good shooting weather. The order to cease fire at 11am on the *11th had come through on the* field telephone the night before, like any other order. We had all sensed that victory was *in the air, ever since* Ludendorf's final push had run out of steam in August.

"We had been to and fro since May. But all the time we were being walloped by the Boche, they had been advancing into bare country, the old Somme battlefields where the war in the trenches had been fought. There was nothing there but mud. You could only tell you were going through a village because the mud was red, with the smashed bricks.

"The Germans had outrun their supplies. Then our armies began pushing forward sector by sector, outflanking the enemy each time so that he had to retreat. By now we were advancing into undamaged country, with grass and roads and villages to billet in. We were making up to 15 miles a day with the horses.

"I don't remember the men cheering at the moment the Armistice came into force. But they cheered all right that evening, when I read them the peace terms. They were — *shocked* with pleasure, when they heard how much Germany had to pay . . .

"As for us — five young officers — we felt absolutely lost. Our one thing in life was finished! Our main job in life up to then had been killing Germans. I had been one of the Contemptibles — one of the original force who went out in 1914. I had been 20 then and I was 24 now. We went to bed at nine, stone-cold sober.

"Our reaction may seem strange, but I heard afterwards that others had felt the same sense of bewildered depression. It was a puzzle.

"In the days that followed, we had some fine shooting, though. I decided to look after Number One for a change, and had myself billeted at the Prince de Ligny's château nearby. There were snipe, and partridge — the Boche had killed all the pheasants and most of the hare, but the partridges must have been too intelligent for them.

"I had come through without being wounded. I was wounded in the Second War, but not in the First. But the month previously I had heard that my younger brother, Jimmie, who was 19, had been killed in action east of Ypres.

"*After the Armistice*, some of the troops under my command threw away their tin hats. They had been serving *since 1914, and the smell of* peace was just too strong. We had to keep them busy, because demobilizing more than a million men was a slow job, and it was months before we all got home. It was easier for us to keep morale up than it was for the infantry, because the horses had to be looked after whatever happened. We kept the men busy with boxing and football, and gave a lot of help to Belgian farmers.

"It wasn't till June 1919 that I got back to England. I found it still the same old place, and the horse once more became the most important thing in life."

ON THE HOME FRONT

When the news of the Armistice came to the Prestwich Union, the first thing they did was to climb out on the roof to run the Union Jack up the flagpole.

"No flag had flown there during the war, and probably not for long before that," says Dr Basil Hill (the father of George Hill) who was a nine-year-old at the time, and had been born in the Victorian institution on the edge of Manchester that everyone still referred to as "the workhouse".

"My *parents* were *master* and matron of the place, a joint appointment. I was allowed to go up with the flag party, climbing out of a window and across the roofs, carrying our Union Jack. Meanwhile, the place was going mad. Someone found a drum and other people came up with trumpets and kazoos, and we all started marching up and down and cheering.

"Then, in the evening, there was a party. Some things, such as sugar, had been rationed, and there was a bit of a catch-as-catch-can regarding provisions. There was a special issue of tea and sugar for the women, and all the men were given a plug of tobacco — thick twist, horrible stuff. There was no drinking allowed in the institution, so the Armistice was toasted in orange juice.

"Afterwards the staff put on an *impromptu* show *in the* dining hall. There were no restrictions on lighting now that there was no more danger *from Zeppelins*, so we were able to turn the gas-lights right up and sing all the old songs.

"Dickens has given the workhouse a bad *name, but it* was a humane institution, and the word was a decent one in those days. There was a cross-section of the whole community there — some of them brilliant people whose businesses had failed . . . many put there by drink, or by slow horses."

London had been waiting for more than a week for the signal that Germany had signed the terms of the Armistice. When at last the bangs rang out at 11am, ordinary life came to a halt.

In the Public Trustee Office, in Kingsway, the girls dropped their ledgers and ran down into the street. "All the bells began to ring, hooters began to blow — it was a terrible racket," says Doris *Grills, now aged 95.*

"I wandered down the Strand with one or two of the girls out of the office. Most of *the shops had closed down,* and the streets were full of people. We went into the Regent Palace Hotel, which was very popular *in* those days, with a Palm Court and nice soft music.

"There were all sorts of people there, dancing — umpteen soldiers — they were dancing on top of the grand piano, but nobody bothered!"

Afterwards Mrs Grills made her way home to Hampstead from the Regent Palace Hotel quite easily by bus, but she was lucky to do so. Her mother had a harder time. She had brought her four-year-old grandson down from Hampstead to see the King and Queen appear before the cheering crowds which began *to gather* at Buckingham Palace.

It was a famous scene. The King waved his cap, the band played *Rule Britannia*, and the crowd gave three cheers each for the King and Queen.

"When Mother tried to take *my son home, she found that* the Tube had been closed. The buses soon got filled up, and so the two of them had to *walk all* the way home in the rain."

WITH THE FLEET

The Dreadnought battleship Royal Sovereign was at anchor in Rosyth, with steam up, when the signal arrived telling the Grand Fleet that the Armistice had been signed.

"We were always kept in readiness to go to sea," says Captain Robert Shaw, who was an 18-year-old sub-lieutenant at the time.

"We knew the Germans couldn't last much longer, but we were ready in case their fleet made a last attack. I don't think we realized that their fleet was already in a state of mutiny by then."

Still erect, humorous and self-reliant, Capt Shaw, who rose to command his own ship in the Second World War, *now lives a stone's throw from* the Thames. "I was one of 10 children, the son of a clergyman, later a bishop. My three *brothers were all killed by the* Kaiser.

"I forget whether the captain assembled the crew to tell them that the war was over. But it would soon have been all round the ship anyway. Later in the day we let our hair down. There were searchlights, Verey lights, rockets — it all became quite chaotic. Then the order was given to splice the mainbrace — an extra issue of rum.

"But I don't remember Armistice Day itself nearly as well as what followed when the German fleet surrendered 10 days later.

"The Grand Fleet formed up in two lines at the rendezvous out at sea, and one of our destroyers led the German fleet down the middle. There were 11 German battleships, five battle-cruisers, eight light cruisers, and a number of destroyers. We were all *closed* up ready to open fire if necessary.

"It was strange to see them *in that way after so long. I had* caught a glimpse of them once before, in *fact. At Jutland, I* was a midshipman aged *16* in the Hercules, second officer in a gun-turret. I was sitting on *top of the turret and I saw the* sparks of gunfire flash along the line of the German fleet in the distance.

"Three of our battle-cruisers were blown up that day. Sixteen of my 16-year-old contemporaries from Osborne and Dartmouth were killed.

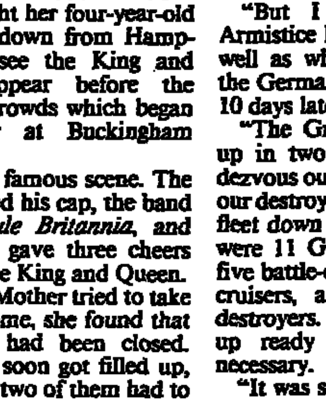
"Now the Germans were told to drop anchor near the Forth Bridge. I went aboard one ship, the Kronprinz Wilhelm, to make sure that they had immobilized their guns, and had no ammunition aboard. The Germans received one quite reasonably, but they looked pretty *scrubby.*"

He continues: "A few weeks later, they were all sent north to Scapa Flow, with a squadron of our ships to keep guard on them. The Allied politicians couldn't agree on what was to become of them. Scapa is pretty bleak even in summer, so it wasn't a *popular assignment*.

"I was one of the few who was there when the Germans scuttled their fleet. They chose a day when the squadron was at sea on exercises. I was left behind, in charge of a patrol trawler. Suddenly we noticed that the Germans were leaving their ships. By the time we got near them, the ships were visibly sinking, and one of those big battleships turned turtle just as we were about to come alongside.

"Of course, the Germans had got the better of us in a sense, since we were supposed to be making sure no harm *came to their ships. But I don't* think we minded too much. Seeing the anchorage with all those big ships just keeling over and going down, our main feeling was relief."

A Menaceterial broadcast



CRAIG BROWN

Until last weekend, comparisons between the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, and the most distinguished proponent of a free market in *The Beano*, Mr Dennis the Menace, seem, at best, a trifle strange.

There were, of course, superficial similarities, of the type pounced upon by the more popular political commentators. Both Lawson and Menace have a tendency towards what doctors describe as "the fuller figure". Both are endowed with lavish heads of hair, which benefits from vigorous brushing. Both have an off-hand technique with which to deal with opponents, sometimes provoking accusations of arrogance.

But recently the comparisons have become all the more telling. In celebration of the enrolment of the millionth member of the *Dennis the* Menace Fan Club, Mr Menace called an unattributable briefing of Sunday newspaper journalists to discuss future Menace policies. Reports subsequently appeared citing "a source close to Minnie the Minx" suggesting that there were long-term proposals to:

● Uproot all the flowers in the land and to "target" them on the needs of the dog "Gnasher" and the pig "Rasher".

● Clamp down on "all little squirts who wear glasses". The money thus saved could then be targeted on those in genuine need, such as all wearers of red and black *striped shirts.*

These reports drew angry comment from Menace's political opponents. They were condemned as "ill prepared and half-baked" by senior Conservative backbencher Walter, who resigned as a minister in 1981, giving his reasons as "Ooh-er! Wail! Erk! Moan!" But yesterday Mr Menace hit back angrily at journalists for reporting him in an "inaccurate and irresponsible" fashion. He had in fact said "quite the opposite". He then unveiled plans to:

● *Initiate a nationwide flower* planting scheme.

● Offer financial incentives to all those wishing to wear glasses and bow ties.

"I hope that this settles once and for all that I am committed to helping those in genuine need," declared Menace, who was later observed in the act of preparing a custard pie. Asked for a comment, Walter replied: "Eeek!"

Mr Godfrey Fawning, leading Royal biographer, has declared himself "bowled over with joy" at the discovery of a box of Christmas cards from the Royal Family to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. "They prove beyond doubt that the Windsors remain on the very best of terms with the Royal Family," said Mr Fawning, author of The Wonderful Windsors *and* Happy and Glorious: An Illustrated Life of Princess Michael of Kent. *Many of the cards from the Queen Mother, affectionately inscribed "from the Queen Mother", contradict all previous reports of bitterness between the two parties. One carries the further message, which the Queen Mother had gone to the trouble to write in her own hand, "Hope to see you in the next decade".*

"My personal favourite," says Mr Godfrey Simper, of the distinguished publishing company Bow & Scrape, "is the invoice sent to the duchess by the Palace following the loan of three cocktail glasses. It is exceptionally generous, in that it offers her the glasses on a sale or return basis, with 21 days to pay."

It has been reported that the Scottish clan of Maclennan has written to Mr Gorbachov offering him honorary clan membership, following the discovery that the two families were closely linked in the early part of the 18th century.

This will come as a shot in the arm to the clan's only other world leader, Mr Robert Maclennan, whose political career has been somewhat eclipsed by the more rabble-rousing styles of Mr Paddy Ashdown and Dr David Owen. But now, once again, Mr Maclennan's Time has Come.

Next year, we can fully expect to see Mr Maclennan at Mr MacGorbachov's right hand as together they review the Soviet troops at the annual parade in Red Square. And if at one stage we should see Mr Maclennan whisper into the ear of his comrade, it will most surely be to stress the SLDP's contribution to *perestroika*. "Mr MacGorbachov is anxious to base the future direction of the Soviet people on my own ill-fated SLDP policy initiative," declared Mr Maclennan last night.

"In particular, he wishes to incorporate the two lynchpins of my personal philosophy, namely the provision of pedestrian crossings in busy areas if strictly necessary and an emphasis to be placed on the provision of sunhats for those who work outside in hot weather.

"Together with the SLDP, I believe Mr MacGorbachov can make the Soviet system really work."

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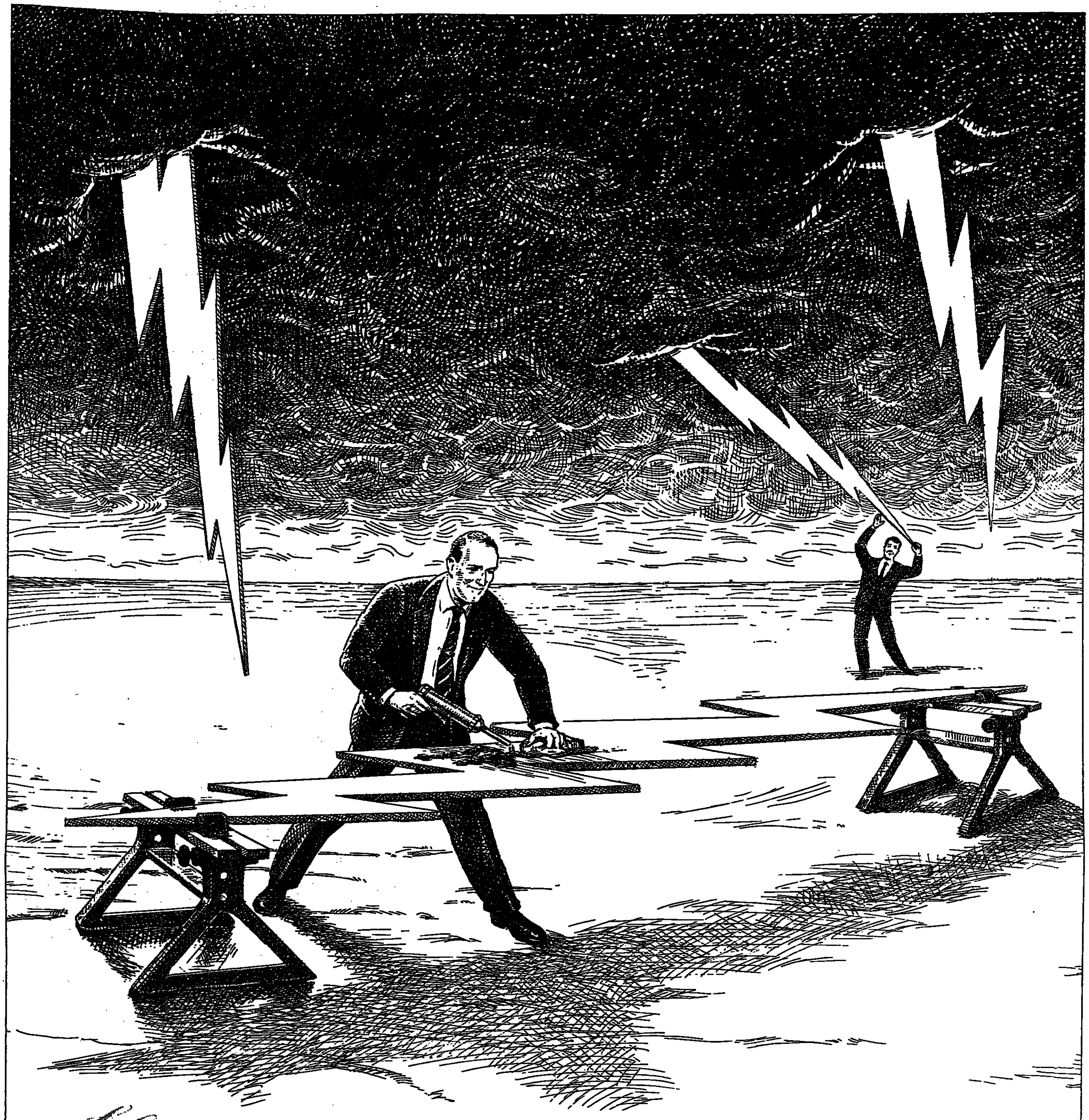

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MARTIN FLETCHER

Just how deep-rooted is Labour's new-found moderation? The Police Federation is about to find out. Tory MP Sir Eldon Griffiths is standing down as its long-serving parliamentary adviser, and it wants a Labour MP to replace him in keeping with its policy of appointing an adviser from Opposition ranks. Not just any Labour MP, you understand, but one who would be happy repeatedly to speak up for the police and one whose constituency party would be equally happy for him or her to do so.

Given that the post is well remunerated, you might think there would be plenty of takers, but this has not been the case in recent years. Sir Eldon has been retained in the job throughout two full Tory governments not only because he was so effective but also because it would have been impossible to find a Labour MP to replace him. After the miners' strike particularly, "it would have been tantamount to heresy to support the police," says the federation's chairman, Alan Eastwood. The federation hopes that relations with Labour are now returning to normal. It has approached Neil Kinnock, Roy Hattersley, shadow Home Secretary, and the backbench home affairs committee for assistance and is "hopeful" that someone will be forthcoming. We'll see.

Last week Mrs Thatcher enjoyed a successful trip to Poland; last year an even more successful trip to Russia. She was not always so enthusiastic about Eastern Europe, as senior colleagues well remember. At a Chequers seminar soon after the 1983 general election the Foreign Office put the case for encouraging bilateral relations with Iron Curtain countries. The Prime Minister was reluctantly persuaded: "Go ahead if that's what you think best," she said, "but just remember one thing. I don't mind them coming here, but I will never ever go to Russia."

Council tenants throughout the country are deluging government minister John Patten with glossy pre-printed postcards protesting against the possibility of private landlords taking over their estates when the new Housing Bill becomes law. Whoever is organizing this campaign is wasting an awful lot of money. Lord Caithness is the present Housing Minister. The one before that was William Waldegrave. Patten held the job in the last parliament and moved to the Home Office after the general election.

● Neil Kinnock is currently reshuffling spokesmanships. In serious danger is John Home Robertson, a Scottish spokesman who opposes official party policy of resisting the poll tax within the law. Expect no announcement before Thursday. That is the day of the Glasgow Govan by-election in which the SNP has made great political capital from Labour's deep divisions on the issue.

Who says there is no scope for greater efficiency within the NHS? This may sound incredible, but it's true: until now official figures for hospital discharges have failed to distinguish between those who leave cured and those who leave in a coffin. Edwina Currie, the Health Minister, admitted as much in an unnoticed written answer to Tory MP Sir David Price last week. "As part of the new information system about patients using the NHS such a distinction will be made," she assured him.

BARRY FANTONI

'And when I get my means test form, my pen suddenly won't write'

In the Commons on Monday Norwich Labour MP John Garrett sought to drive a wedge between Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, who envisages a "massive" expansion of nuclear power to counter the greenhouse effect, and the Energy Secretary, Cecil Parkinson. Garrett cited a report in the *Eastern Daily Press* which quoted Parkinson telling a local meeting that privatization would mean less nuclear-generated electricity. Parkinson could not have been more scathing in his reply. He said he doubted the reporter from the "mid-Norfolk News" had ever heard of nuclear power and suggested he "found great difficulty in spelling it". It is as well that Parkinson was protected by parliamentary privilege. The reporter, Tony Snape, has a degree in energy technology and worked six years for the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Jerry Hayes, perennial Tory rebel and a leader of last week's late-night Commons revolt against Government plans to charge for eye and dental checks, found himself in a Commons lift the following morning with a pleasant young lady who expressed concern that he must be tired. Hayes was puzzled that she knew who he was. "Oh, I've followed your career with great interest," replied Mrs David Waddington, wife of the Government Chief Whip.

Not all the rebel leaders have enjoyed, or are likely to enjoy, such understanding. Shortly after the 1am vote Mrs Thatcher had Waddington read her the names of each and every rebel – slowly, so that she could take them in. The whips have also deeply upset Dame Jill Knight, another rebel leader. Though they are supposed to play no part in such things, they have threatened to try and remove her from her positions as vice-chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee and as chairman of the backbench Health Committee in the forthcoming elections.

Peter Mandelson on upholding standards in the multi-channel era

Rising to the TV challenge

Amid the headlong rush into free market competition and deregulation, the Broadcasting White Paper tosses a bone to those who believe in impartial and accurate news reporting and the transmission of news coverage in main viewing periods. There is little flesh on this bone and equal concern is not expressed for quality current affairs at peak periods.

Indeed, it is clear from our knowledge of the political background to the White Paper that the Government's commitment to news and current affairs does not extend much beyond protecting ITN's position in the ITV network. This is a small but important mercy for which we have to thank Sir Alastair Burnet, whose use of ITN's close relationship to 10 Downing Street has, on this occasion, paid a public dividend.

But once ITN's *News at Ten* has been preserved the real battle for well-resourced, high quality, peaktime news and current affairs programmes must begin.

On one side of this battle is a viewing public which relies overwhelmingly on television and radio for its information on political affairs. On the other side are some powerful economic facts of life – above all the auction of franchises for the highest bidder – which are going to hit ITV's revenues, rob companies of programme-making resources and force them to concentrate on their peaktime popular schedule. The potential casualty will be the range and diversity of serious programmes, such as local current affairs programmes – those which, relatively, command smaller audiences and are expensive to produce.

The referee and, in theory, the representative of the public interest will be the proposed Independent Television Commission, which would replace the Independent Broadcasting Authority. However, the commission will not have powers of the same weight backed up by the necessary authority to get its way on behalf of the public interest. Whatever the weaknesses of the IBA, it has sometimes been decisive in preventing ITV companies putting ratings and revenues before public service and minority interest. For example, it blocked the big five ITV companies' recent attempt to shift Sunday early evening religious programmes into a late lunchtime slot. This decisiveness serves to demonstrate how the public interest can be served by a regulatory body with powers to shape schedules and review particular programmes and prevent transmission if necessary.

To be effective, the commission has to know that it will have the Government's backing in ultimately removing a company's franchise in the event of programmes standards falling. But with the Government insisting that franchises are auctioned off to the highest bidder rather than awarded on the basis of programme prospectus and management integrity, everyone in broadcasting will know that the commission can be soft-soaped with impunity. Once the commission's bluff has been called a first time, it would be impossible to recover authority.

The case of TV-am is another pertinent example. TV-am is not untypical of the sort of commercial television company which the Government wishes to foster. Its character springs from the entrepreneurial drive of its present managing director. Its tabloid approach to factual programming and its credibility as a source of news analysis owes a lot to the personalities of its on-screen presenters.

The IBA became unhappy about the standard of TV-am's journalism and, to be fair, there are many inside the company who are also unhappy about the quality of the company's news and current affairs output. The IBA expressed its views to the TV-am management but these were only effective because the company knew it could be penalized or even have its franchise revoked if it did not improve.

Opinions will differ on whether this has happened or not but the central point is clear. Companies will become a law unto themselves if they can use economic arguments arising from the highly competitive regime created by the Government to deny resources to their factual programming. The customer – certainly the interested, inquiring and discriminating customer – will not be king as far as factual and other serious programmes are concerned.

More television really will become worse television. To this the Government's riposte might be: there is always the BBC as the cornerstone of public service broadcasting. Indeed the BBC provides an excellent illustration of why you cannot expect good news reporting on the cheap.

Its output has improved recently with the growth of resources given to its news and current affairs. But the BBC cannot survive as a news and current affairs ghetto – or any other sort of ghetto. Its success depends on a wide ranging and mass appeal. And this will become even more the case if a future Tory government were to force a switch from licence fee to subscription income.

How, then, can the battle of high-grade news and current affairs programmes be won if the Government is intent on following the path set out in the White Paper? My view is that only the news and current affairs programme makers themselves can save their fair share of the schedules. They can do so in the following ways.

They can develop new formats and new approaches which attract new audiences, thus proving the case for additional programme budgets in this area. They must take advantage of the likely slow development and lower quality of news and current affairs output from their satellite and cable competitors and make the argument that good quality news and current affairs coverage will in itself help ITV companies to withstand the threat posed to their overall audience share. And they must not forsake the principle of public interest broadcasting in determining their output and shaping their schedules.

This wider public interest hinges not only on the demands and tastes of majority and minority audiences. It concerns, in the case of news and current affairs, the democratic process itself. Viewers are voters and they have a democratic need and right to be informed, educated and entertained in the political sphere as much as, if not more than, in any other. The issue at stake is to do with more than broadcasting but it is the broadcasters themselves who are our last bulwark against a government which has long since abandoned its own broadcasting responsibilities.

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Max Beloff

Reagan's niche in history

Had the Republicans not taken posthumous revenge on Franklin Roosevelt in 1951 by amending the Constitution, Ronald Reagan could have run for president again this year. It is generally held that if the two-term limit had not been imposed he would have won once more. Despite his age and health, his popularity as measured in the polls makes such a contention far from absurd. What place then will history hold for this president, so despised by the intelligentsia and so beloved by the voters?

It is instructive to look back at how history has treated President Reagan's predecessors. Having taught American history for many years, I got into the habit of dividing presidents into the great (Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln); the passable (Monroe, Cleveland) and the profoundly obscure or inept (Van Buren and the "Seven Dwarfs"). But once we enter our own time – the Truman or Eisenhower administrations, for example – we find the balance sheet has not yet been struck, still less where their successors are concerned.

What is it one is looking for? Clearly not intellect as an academic would define it. During John Kennedy's presidency I was told by Justice Felix Frankfurter, who had personally known every president since the 1900s, that Theodore Roosevelt was the nearest to an "egghead". In a list which included Woodrow Wilson, a professor and university president, this was a challenging thought. Certainly neither Kennedy nor any of his successors, had Frankfurter lived to know them, would have been serious contenders – Reagan least of all.

The nearer one comes to the present, the more one's subjective judgement comes into play. As war came, and in Britain all seemed to depend upon whether the Americans would be part of it, Roosevelt's elusive personality and uncertain course of conduct began to loom larger and larger. If not from him whence would our salvation come? I remember hurrying on to parade in the "invasion" autumn of 1940 while the loudspeakers of the holiday camp in which we were stationed gave out the news of Roosevelt's reelection. It was a moment of great relief. For the rest of the war and for some time to come, I was an uncritical Roosevelt fan. The feeling remains.

Trying to escape from personal impressions is to be caught up in the labyrinths of American party history; next year will mark the 200th anniversary of the inauguration of the first president. It is almost 150 years since the division between Democrats and Republicans became entrenched. Yet the continuities mask changes and even reversals. Reagan's smallest appeal has been to American blacks, yet the party he leads was the instrument of their ancestors' liberation, and the Democratic Party was for long the instrument of the South's struggle to preserve white domination.

On other issues also, the record is far from straightforward. President Reagan has won much praise because of his administration's stand against protectionism – yet the Republicans were traditionally the party of high tariffs.

Reagan does not easily fit into any apostolic succession. His own convictions and his underlying support in the country are the product of a reaction against the growth of big government, particularly the powers and responsibilities of the federal government. In one form or another the issue of states' rights has been around for a long time. But the issue has usually been taken up by the party which is out of office. To find a president claiming that his object in coming to Washington is to curtail the powers of the federal government, and so his own authority, is unusual.

President Nixon may have begun the process. But Reagan's only real predecessor would seem to be the Democrat President Carter, who made so much of being an outsider uncontaminated by the metropolis.

In actually achieving the rolling back of the frontiers of government, neither Carter nor Reagan would seem to have been particularly successful; but nor have leaders elsewhere. What Reagan has been able to do is to take advantage of the unique fact (among advanced industrial countries) of the combination in his power of head of state and head of the administration.

If lucky – and Reagan has had his share of luck – successes can be claimed for the president, errors blamed upon subordinates. Reagan suggests a similarity to the Tsars of pre-emancipation Russia, where it was widely held that of course the Tsar was sympathetic to the serfs' plight; it was only the evil counsellors who got in his way.

One difficulty in assessing almost any aspect of the president's activities is the increasing extent to which the man has been swallowed up in the institution. From Woodrow Wilson, tapping out important papers on his personal portable typewriter, to the modern president, at the apex of a vast administrative machine, the gap is so huge that it is sometimes hard to grasp that it has all happened in one's own lifetime.

The steps in this direction are familiar enough – the creation of the Bureau of the Budget in 1921; the growth of the White House staff, particularly in Franklin Roosevelt's time; the absorption of both and subsequently of many other agencies into the Executive Office of the President, created in 1939. The largely domestic developments of the pre-war period were paralleled after the war by an equally important institutionalization of the president's role as commander-in-chief through the National Security Council.

To add to the difficulty of striking a balance between the personal and the institutional is the fact that, thanks to radio, the president's voice and later, thanks to television, his appearance and manner, are familiar to his fellow-countrymen with an immediacy unknown to earlier generations. Both media can be cruel, but to a master of his craft, they can bring advantages of a very direct kind.

I doubt, however, if the full flavour of Reagan's appeal can be savoured entirely on the box. I thought at the time of his speech a few years ago to the two houses of Parliament, and still more at Guildhall earlier this year, that there is about him a personal warmth which no speech writer, however gifted, and no autocue, however cunningly crafted, can provide.

Even the sophisticated find it hard to resist the spell. The ability to make his auditors feel that he is a simple folksy character like any one of them is rare among heads of governments – Baldwin with his pigs comes nearest in this country, though one would not push the parallel too far.

It goes some way to explain Reagan's hold on his countrymen far more than anything in his rather simplified embodiment of the principles of the New Right, for some of whom he has proved a disappointment. Parallels have been drawn between Reagan's approach to politics and Mrs Thatcher's, encouraged by the rapport that has grown up between them. But no two personalities could be more unalike, nor any two lifestyles.

Technology will give future historians some advantages in respect of the record. What would we not give for a video of the Gettysburg Address? They will know that during the Reagan presidency, the United States recovered much of the self-confidence lost in the Johnson-Nixon-Carter era. But, not having witnessed the man, they won't know why.

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Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Joining the reform club

During Nigel Lawson's Commons grilling on pensioners on Monday, Labour's Frank Field declared: "We have rarely got our teeth near an election winner. We've got one today and we don't intend to take them out".

If it signified how much trouble Lawson had caused his party it also underlined Labour's pessimism about finding ways of returning to power. Labour now has to choose between hanging on in the remote hope of winning an election, or concentrating on deals to deny Mrs Thatcher a majority. And the most significant news of the week in that context was the public conversion to proportional representation of Dr John Cunningham.

Only a year after the 1987 Labour conference voted down calls for an inquiry into electoral reform, the subject is bouncing back again. The Electoral Reform Society says that Labour interest in PR has grown steadily since the last election. A third of Labour candidates who responded to a survey then expressed themselves ready to vote for it.

But senior Labour figures have been reluctant to line themselves up with the arguments for PR for fear it would be seen as an admission that the party felt unable to win a majority. Only Robin Cook had previously come out of the closet. But no one could call either him or Cunningham a defeatist. Both are among Labour's bonniest fighters and Commons point-scorers. And their example is likely to be followed by others.

There is no intrinsic reason why Labour should be opposed to PR. Cunningham recalled that in 1931 it was a Labour Home Secretary who introduced an unsuccessful Bill to introduce PR.

The former Alliance parties have the most to gain from electoral reform. At the last election the Conservatives took 42.3 per cent of the vote and won 57.8 per cent of the seats. Labour won 35.2 per cent of the seats with 30.9 per cent of the votes, whereas the Alliance, with 22.6 per cent of the votes, won only 3.4 per cent of the seats.

Under the first-past-the-post system (FPP) it took 36,700 votes to elect a Tory MP, 43,800 votes to elect a Labour MP and 333,700 votes to elect an SLD or SDP MP.

But the Labour voices now being raised in support of PR are not arguing out of altruism. What concerns them is the effective disenfranchisement of Labour voters in large swathes of southern England, the fact that the Tories can control 19 out of 20 seats in East Anglia on less than 50 per cent of the vote and that they took *all* but two of the 156 seats in the South-east and South-west. And they argue that the former Alliance parties would not necessarily benefit that much from the introduction of PR. At present Labour supporters in the South have every incentive to switch to the SLD, who might defeat the Tory, rather than "waste" their vote on a Labour candidate. The third-party vote tends to be smaller in countries which do have proportional representation.

The disenfranchisement argument might, incidentally, help to augment the 40 Tory MPs who support electoral reform. There are, under FPP, no Tory MPs in Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield or Newcastle, though in some of those cities the Conservatives won more than 30 per cent of the vote. The present system certainly helps to perpetuate the division North-South divide.

Roy Hattersley argued against the calls for PR in 1987 by saying that it was against the traditions of British democracy, that it would lead to post-election pacts, and that it would prevent the Labour party from ever again winning outright power.

But he was not so obviously opposed to post-election pacts when the Lib-Lab deal was keeping the Callaghan government in office. And Hattersley has been arguing, too, against Labour tossing overboard too much of its socialist baggage in seeking electoral success.

What is intriguing about the advocates of PR within the Labour ranks is that they now come from all sections of the party. And many of them argue that proportional representation would in fact allow the party to continue advocacy of a genuinely socialist programme rather than having to cast aside socialism in the scramble to get its hands on uncommitted votes. The advocates of PR have long included, for example, Arthur Scargill as well as right-wing Labour thinkers such as Austin Mitchell.

An increasing number argue that by mounting its high horse and saying Labour must have an absolute majority or nothing, the party is betraying the people it is supposed to be in politics to help, leaving Thatcherism free to gallop onwards on a minority of the vote. Robin Cook and others ask if they should really risk the continuance of a Conservative government because the Labour party cannot stomach electoral reform.

And Labour's problems can only get worse. Jeff Rooker has warned his party that constituency boundary changes are likely to cost Labour another 20 seats after the next election as small, Labour-held constituencies in the inner cities disappear and the larger, Conservative-held rural seats are split.

Neil Kinnock, like Hattersley, remains an opponent of electoral reform. But perhaps he, too, should think again. It seems strange for a party leadership keen to establish greater democracy within the Labour movement and to re-examine all the party's policies to be opposed even to a review of this question of electoral reform.

What Labour has to ponder, say the PR advocates, is that if seats had been distributed in proportion to votes, Mrs Thatcher would have had 100 fewer in 1987 and would have failed to gain a majority in the two previous elections.

Surely the one party which has actually lost a general election – in 1951 – despite winning more votes than the Tories should at least be willing to look again at the case for PR.

NOV 9 **ON THIS DAY** 1796

George Washington (1732-99) was inaugurated as the first president of the United States in 1789 – six years after the end of the War of Independence – and was re-elected in 1792. This long address was concluded in the issue of November 10.

ADDRESS OF
PRESIDENT WASHINGTON
ON HIS RESIGNATION

Friends and Fellow Citizens,

The period for the new election of a Citizen to administer the Executive Government of the United States being not far distant, and the time actually arrived when your thoughts must be employed in designating the person who is to be clothed with that important trust, it appears to be proper that I should now apprise you of the resolution I have formed to decline being considered among those out of whom a choice is to be made.

The acceptance of, and continuance hitherto in the office to which your suffrages have twice called me, have been a uniform sacrifice of inclination to the opinion of duty, and to a deference for what appeared to be your desire. I constantly hoped that it would have been much earlier in my power, consistently with motives which I was not at liberty to disregard, to return to that retirement from which I had been reluctantly drawn. The strength of my inclination to do this, previous to the last election, had even led to the preparation of an address to declare it to you; but mature reflection on the then perplexed and critical posture of our affairs with foreign nations, and the unanimous advice of persons entitled to my confidence impelled me to abandon the idea . . .

In looking forward to the moment which is intended to terminate the career of my public life, my feelings do not permit me to suspend the deep acknowledgement of that debt of gratitude which I owe to my beloved country for the many honours it has conferred on me . . . If benefits have resulted to my country from these services let it always be remembered to our praise; and as an instructive example of our annals, that under circumstances in which the passions, agitated in every direction, were liable to mislead, amidst appearances sometimes dubious – vicissitudes of fortune often discouraging – in situations in which not unfrequently want of success has countenanced the spirit of criticism – the constancy of your support was the essential prop of the efforts, and a guarantee of the plans by which they were effected. Profoundly penetrated with this idea, I shall carry it with me to my grave, as a strong incitement to unceasing vows that Heaven may continue to you the choicest tokens of its beneficence – that the free constitution, which is the work of your hands, may be sacredly maintained – that its administration in every department may be stamped with wisdom and virtue – that, in fine, the happiness of the people of these States, under the auspices of liberty, may be made complete by so careful a preservation and so prudent a use of this blessing as will acquire to them the glory of recommending it to the applause, the affection and adoption of every nation which is yet a stranger to it . . .

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NEVER ON A FRIDAY

Whether the criterion is the Government's political interest or pensioners' peace of mind, Mr Nigel Lawson could hardly have made a more unfortunate job briefing Sunday newspaper lobby correspondents last week. Five days later the ripples are still radiating.

Individual non-attributable political briefings to journalists are an invaluable contribution to the citizen's understanding of public affairs. But collective unattributable briefings, though a convenient device, are always more liable to backfire on the briefer. The similarity of reports in several newspapers usually leaves no doubt of the unnamed source.

When a ministerial source is so clearly identifiable as Mr Lawson was, it becomes at least a question whether it would not be better for the interview to be formally "on the record" to avoid the dangers of ambiguity. On this occasion the risks of the collective unattributable briefing were compounded because Mr Lawson, according to his words in his *Panorama* interview on Monday, adopted the device of switching between "on the record" and "off" in the same interview.

Although the whole interview was supposed to be "off the record" (that is, unattributable) he was clearly not concerned if most of what he said was attributed – except for his remarks about a prospective new means-tested benefit package for the poorest pensioners. These he seems to have regarded as especially unattributable (though still reportable) since they concerned the departmental responsibilities of his colleague, Mr John Moore.

But the confusion about the mechanics of the meeting is nothing to that caused by the difference between the journalists' collective understanding of what Mr Lawson had said and what he now explains he meant. When he spoke about targeting benefits to pensioners in real poverty, the journalists took him to mean that the money would come from a reduction of universal benefits, including free medical prescriptions and the Christmas bonus.

He now reassures the public that the new means-tested benefit, which he and Mr Moore have discussed, will be paid for by extra money which will go to needy pensioners, particularly those who retired when there were many fewer occupational schemes and who were without the benefit of SERPS. Other pensioners, some of whom had even come to believe that their statutory pension was at risk, are reassured that the new benefit will not be at the expense of existing universal entitlements.

In the short term this little storm has combined with the introduction of charges for eye tests and dental checks to diminish the Government's claim to be socially concerned. Mrs Thatcher was attacked again yesterday for Mr Lawson's reported remark that only a minority of pensioners are needy.

For the longer term a politically advantageous project, on which only two months work has been done, has gone off at half-cock. Worse, the principle of testing incomes according to means has been further unfairly blackened.

Yet good may come of it. Even Mr Kinnock has felt obliged to concede that although he thinks means-testing brings too many problems in practice, his objection to it is not one of principle. Nor, indeed, should it be. Testing for benefit according to means already exists.

As the need grows for extra money from finite resources for poor pensioners, it can only be distributed by a test of means. The second if unintended advantage which may flow from Mr Lawson's indiscretion is that it has precipitated into the open the wide question of what should and should not be means-tested and what should and should not rank for universal provision.

There can be no question of retreat from the principle of universal pensions to which people have paid in throughout their working lives. But special benefits for the particularly needy, whether among pensioners or other social categories, must be tested according to means and the question is simply how and where the line is to be drawn.

The Government has been nervous of making general statements about the pattern and cost of social spending ever since the leak of the Think-Tank's report on the future cost of health care during Mrs Thatcher's first term. It should now open up its thinking to a "great debate" on the criteria for allocating resources. But it should be an organized debate and not confined to the casual repercussions of some Friday musings by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which would only give the discussion the quality of the proverbial Friday afternoon motor car.

THE KABUL QUESTION

One of the first foreign policy dilemmas that will face the next President of the United States is what, if anything, to do about Afghanistan. Under the Geneva accords, signed last April, Moscow undertook to withdraw all its troops by February 15, 1989 – less than a month after the new US President is inaugurated. Last week, a newly-promoted Soviet Foreign Ministry official announced the suspension of the withdrawal, while expressing hope that the February deadline would still be met.

He justified the Soviet decision by citing what Moscow insists are continuing violations of the Geneva accords by the United States and Pakistan. But the announcement came at a time when both alleged culprits were preoccupied with elections. Neither was in a position to offer a strong response and will not be at least until next spring. What will happen if February 15 approaches with no sign that the agreed Soviet withdrawal is near completion?

At best, the problem will not arise: the withdrawal will be completed on time. The Soviet Union tends to observe the letter of agreements, while being less sensitive towards their spirit. It announced that it had reached the half-way point of its withdrawal exactly 24 hours early, and Mr Gorbachov would probably prefer, if at all possible, to announce the completion of the withdrawal just as promptly – however many non-military personnel remain behind.

At present, the Soviet leader's dilemma is perhaps greater than that of the other signatories to the Geneva accords. His international reputation rests in large part on his pledge to extricate the Soviet Union from Afghanistan. If the withdrawal does not take place, or is significantly delayed, either his sincerity or his ability to implement policy must be called into question. Inside the Soviet Union, too, many people are impatient to see the end of Soviet involvement in Afghanistan. The disillusionment that would follow postponement or cancellation could have unpredictable consequences.

The combination of international and domestic pressure gives any within the Soviet Union who might oppose Mr Gorbachov's policies, especially on military matters, an uncommon degree of leverage. There have been signs that some sections of the military are unhappy with the Soviet leader's peacemaking efforts abroad (including the withdrawal from Afghanistan) and with reports of less military spending.

The absence of any serving officer other than Mr Viktor Chebrikov, the former KGB chief, from the leading Communist Party bodies and the brevity of Monday's Red Square parade on the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution add to the impression that the military is losing ground to the civilian sector. If some officers now baulk at a humiliating retreat from Afghanistan, that would be understandable.

It is possible that the suspension of the Soviet withdrawal and Moscow's recent delivery to Afghanistan of new long-range missiles is no more than a diversionary tactic adopted by Mr Gorbachov. Until the withdrawal is complete, his interest lies in placating both his critics inside the leadership and the members of the increasingly shaky Kabul Government.

Out of the public eye, more encouraging developments are in train. Even as its official media railed against "violations" of the Geneva accords, the Soviet Union was last week party, with Pakistan, to a UN General Assembly resolution requesting the Secretary General to facilitate a political solution to the conflict. The problem for the West – particularly the new administrations in Washington and Islamabad – is to discern whether belligerence or compromise is Moscow's true stance, and prepare for either.

NIGHT OF GLASS

For half a century the deceptive euphony of the word *Kristallnacht* has muted the reality of calculated pillage and murder unleashed that night on the 525,000 Jews of the Third Reich. Its evocation of streets deep in the broken glass of thousands of synagogues, shops and homes is chilling enough to new generations of Germans and Britons, but it fails to convey the true meaning and shame of what happened.

This was no spontaneous uprising, but the precursor of a deliberate state policy of annihilation. Engineered by Hitler's stormtroopers to "avenge" the murder by a young Jew of a German diplomat in Paris, enthusiastically abetted by thousands of Germans, it was the beginning of the death agony of six million people murdered because of their race alone.

For everyone alive at that time the special scar left by *Kristallnacht* is that so many were afterwards to claim that it was, even then, impossible to imagine the future. Around 35,000 were in that week transported to concentration camps. Few survived. But the Reich continued to be treated almost as a normal State, both by Germans and by foreign governments, including Britain, which closed their doors to many Jewish refugees. November 9, 1938, has been harder for many to face than the holocaust itself.

Today in the Federal Republic that date will be commemorated for the first time as a "pogrom", the brutal Russian word which more accurately describes what happened. This, even more than the thousands of books, exhibitions, and plans for commemorative museums, opens a new chapter in the complex relations between Germans and their 40,000 surviving Jewish fellow-citizens. The Federal Republic is home to most German Jews; a mere 3,000 live in the East.

The East German Government, which for nearly 40 years refused to acknowledge any legal or moral responsibility for "Nazi" atrocities, is only beginning to change its attitude. Last month, it announced that it would start "humanitarian payments" to Jewish victims of the Third Reich; yesterday, the East German leader, Herr Honecker, promised Jews protection and acknowledged, obliquely, the need for vigilance against the past's "racism and anti-semitism".

Today the foundation stone will be laid in East Berlin for the restoration of the Oranienburger Strasse Synagogue which was put to the torch on *Kristallnacht*. It will not, it is true, be a place of worship but a library and museum. But for a regime which has treated even the Buchenwald concentration camp as a monument to German Communists and anti-Fascists, this is progress. Herr Honecker's motives may, however, be open to question.

He is aware that the refusal to pay compensation or, until recently, to recognize the religious rights of the tiny handful of practising East German Jews has hindered better relations with the United States, and this is now high among his priorities. On the economic front, he is anxious to secure most favoured-nation status from the Americans; he has also angled for an official visit to Washington to crown his career .

Such grudging concessions to Jewish suffering, so belatedly offered, hardly warrant a dramatic response. It would be an unhappy irony if the Jews were once more to be pawns in a German game.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Presbyterians and standards

From the Clerk of the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland

Sir, I refer to your comments (leading article, November 4) on the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. You admit that this Church is what you call an offshoot, but which is properly called a branch of the reformed Church of Scotland. The Church, therefore, is not a sect, but a branch of the Christian Church. Its constitution contains the word of God as its supreme standard, and the Westminster Confession of Faith as its subordinate standard, which formed the subordinate standard of the reformed churches in all their worldwide branches.

I do not know why you call the Church fundamentalist, a word which has American connotations. We believe that Calvinism is the clearest expression of evangelical theology.

The ecumenical movement, which you praise, is the greatest disaster to affect the Christian Church this century. It has reduced the professing churches of this country to a collection of bloodless, spineless and boneless organisations, which can hardly raise a whimper on the side of Christ and his Truth. Small wonder that evil progresses as it does, and spiritual darkness becomes more intense as the years go by.

You appear to regard a body of professing Christians, of sober conduct, and deep spirituality of mind, as fanatical and bigoted. If that be so then the eminent men of God, such as John Knox in Scotland, John Calvin and Martin Luther on the Continent, and Archbishop Cranmer in England were bigots in their contests with the errors of Popery. We are glad to be in such company.

During the 95 years of its existence the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland has not depended on the favour of men, small or great. What we seek is, by a life of faith and obedience to his Word, in serving the Lord Jesus Christ, to enjoy his favour which is better than life. He alone is the Head of the Church, and as long as we enjoy his favour we can afford to ignore the enmity of the world.

Yours faithfully,
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November 7.

From Sir Richard Dobson

Sir, On November 4 you published a picture of the Archbishops of the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Greek Orthodox Churches, together with the Chief Rabbi, being entertained in the garden of Lambeth Palace by a grey squirrel. (No doubt they discussed other matters of mutual interest).

On that same day the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland passed sentence of six months' suspension on a distinguished elder of that Church because he had attended, in a private capacity, the funeral ceremonies of one or two old friends in Catholic churches (report, November 5).

I make no further comment.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DOBSON,
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Surrey.
November 5.

From Mr John Mackay

Sir, The action brought against Lord Mackay of Clashfern by the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland seems contemptible. Whether or not they adhere to the curious notion that the Pope is the "anti-Christ" and the Catholic Mass idolatrous is of no consequence.

There can be no fault lain at the feet of a man who attends the funeral of his friend – and were he a Jew or a Muslim it would make no difference. This course of events has achieved nothing but to highlight the Church's narrow-minded and parochial bigotry.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MACKAY,
19 De Crespigny Park, SE5.
November 5.

From Mr C. J. Cahill

Sir, It is inappropriate in an age of religious ecumenism that the Lord Chancellor, head of the judiciary, is held to account by a minority branch of the Presbyterian Church for paying respect to his deceased colleagues in another Christian church.

It is important for the administration of justice and religious freedom in the United Kingdom that the Lord Chancellor should be seen to be independent of political, religious, or other factional interest.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. CAHILL,
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November 7.

FO system called in question

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, The paradox of the Foreign Office is that it is an elite corps of the highest quality which fails to produce a coherent foreign policy because it does not think globally and because of the "diplomatic syndrome": any agreement is better than none.

To say, as Sir Geoffrey Howe does (November 7), that supporting the anti-communist forces in Afghanistan is not inconsistent with aid to the government of Mozambique is a self-evident absurdity. Frelimo's "national liberation" guerrillas were trained in the USSR and owe their tenure of power to the massive Soviet airlift of Cuban forces a decade ago.

To argue, as Sir Geoffrey does, that the Prime Minister already receives independent foreign policy advice from Sir Percy Cradock is disingenuous, since Sir Percy (an admirable public servant) is a Foreign Office career man. His main task, as Sir Geoffrey is well aware, is to coordinate intelligence for the Prime Minister as Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee. This does not constitute independent advice and to say that it does merely shows how urgent reform has become.

Yours very truly,
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From Mr Norman Strauss

Sir, Sir Geoffrey Howe seems unusually defensive and forgetful. The trouble with all institutions is not so much that they have a policy of their own which they seek to impose, but that they have a culture which controls the way they think, feel and act. This erects barriers around some bygone value system which informed the institutions' heyday and is now culturally transmitted to successive generations.

All institutions carry a cultural overhead – the Foreign Office is not exempt. I am not an expert in foreign policy, but a cursory examination of the world of diplomacy suggests very strong cultural imprinting indeed.

Of course the Foreign Office, like all institutions, has a favoured line that it prefers to follow. The question is, who has the time and resource to identify and track this innate tendency to only seek policy options with which the culture feels comfortable.

As Sir Geoffrey says, the reality is that it is ministers, not officials, who take the decisions. What he, or the Civil Servant who drafted his letter, has forgotten is that you can only take a decision between alternatives. The question is who owns the process by which the alternatives are generated? The answer is the officials, who do the work, not ministers, who approve it.

If Sir Geoffrey wants to see this demonstrated in practice, all he needs to do is create a task force within his own remit with the objective of creating new foreign policies and fund an external, independent unit and see what happens. If competition is good in the market place, why is it bad in policy-making? Is the Foreign Office all-knowing and all-seeing or just all-filtering?

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN STRAUSS,
17 Cross Deep,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

From Sir John Killick

Sir, I doubt if I shall be alone in detecting a distinctly fishy smell about David Hart's article ("The FO: road to reform", November 4). It is not so much the substance of what look like trumped-up charges against the FCO, but their timing and manner of presentation.

Why is there no mention of Sir Geoffrey Howe? The FCO works in the first instance to and for its secretary of state, and it is his responsibility in turn to work with and to the Cabinet and No 10. The inference could be drawn from the article that he is not doing his job, either by failing to make the FCO conform to the Government line, or by himself departing from that line.

As I see it, neither charge could possibly be true. On three issues with which I am to some extent familiar, even from outside, Sir Geoffrey has made speeches which were the result of intensive work within the FCO, which deserve to be regarded as enduring and classical statements of policy, and which strike one as being totally consistent with what is known of the Prime Minister's views. These were his addresses to the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies on SDI; to Chatham House on relations with the Soviet Union; and to the Royal Commonwealth Society on policy towards South Africa, and specifically the question of sanctions.

So I cannot help wondering if David Hart is "fronting" in some kind of dawn raid on the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary personally – or am I guilty of another failed intelligence appreciation?

Yours truly,
JOHN KILLICK,
Challoner's Cottage,
2 Birchwood Avenue,
Southborough, Kent.

Dams for Venice

From the President of the Venice in Peril Fund

Sir, Two points are worth noting in relation to the interesting article by your Rome correspondent (November 3) about the measures to control excessive tidal surges at the three entrances to the Venetian lagoon from the Adriatic.

The first is that in the experimental module which has just been towed to the Treporti channel of the Lido entrance there is a considerable British element, supplied under contract by J. Lewin of Lewin, Fryer & Partners and by firms which have provided certain mechanisms. If the tests give a satisfactory result this may well be the solution to a problem with which the Italians have been struggling for a long time but not seriously until after the flood of November 4, 1966.

Secondly, your correspondent refers to the ecological problems, which need to be solved simultaneously, but he does not mention one of the cardinal points: i.e., that the deepening of the Malamocco channel leading to the oil terminal and industrial zone enables an unacceptable volume of water to enter the lagoon.

The British fund for the preservation of Venice, "Venice in Peril", is not technically charged with any of these things but obviously cannot ignore them.

Yours faithfully,

ASHLEY CLARKE, President,
Venice in Peril Fund,
172 Regent Street, W1.

Village homes

From Mr J. H. Wainwright

Sir, It is hard to treat as serious the naive view of your writer Paul Coleridge (Property section, October 29) that, by providing for "low-density sensitive house-building . . . the cost of building land would quickly fall and the knock-on effect on housing generally would soon follow".

What "planners with sense and vision" are trying to do is to create situations where modest and compact groups of cottages are provided specifically for those who genuinely need to live in villages.

Such projects can often be achieved with benefit to the village, both socially and environmentally, and the "urbanites" and "rural yuppies" can safely be left to outbid each other for the rest to their hearts' content.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. WAINWRIGHT,
28 Firgrove Hill, Farnham, Surrey.

Missing history

From Mrs Dorothy M. Harrison

Sir, I recently began teaching Shakespeare's *Richard III* as an A-level text to a class of students at Lewes Technical College. By way of introduction I sketched in some historical background, adding that no doubt they had come across the Wars of the Roses in school history lessons. Several students then informed me that they had never studied history, having taken "social studies" instead.

I have long been resigned to having to explain any references to classical mythology, or to the Bible, to students. Lack of any English history must be a new departure. What will go next, I wonder?

Yours faithfully,
DOROTHY M. HARRISON,
The Old Anchor,
101 South Street,
Lewes, East Sussex.
November 5.

Choral tradition

From the Headmaster of Westminster Abbey Choir School

Sir, I read with interest your news story (November 2) about the proposed expansion of St Paul's Choir School, described as "the last English cathedral school reserved exclusively for choristers". Although this may be technically correct, your readers may be interested to know that there is another great choral foundation, that of Westminster Abbey, which, although a collegiate church rather than a cathedral, nevertheless runs a school exclusively for its choristers.

From September, 1989, it will indeed be unique in this country.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON ROLAND-ADAMS,
Headmaster,
Westminster Abbey Choir School,
Dean's Yard, SW1.

Worcester Cathedral

From Professor J. Heyman, FEng

Sir, Mr Hopkins comments (November 4) on the deformed state of the choir vault of Worcester Cathedral. The vault is indeed deformed, although observations made by the cathedral architect in 1985 showed a sag of just over 12 inches at its crown, rather than the 2ft 6in mentioned by Mr Hopkins.

However, the defect is not unusual and it is not new; it arises from a spread of the walls supporting the vault, and it was dealt with effectively in 1712, when the two great buttresses were added to the north and south of the choir. Much work was done to the vault in 1728, and it is probably at that time that iron cramps were introduced into the masonry in order to bind the stones together.

The vault was fully restored by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1860-70, and Sir Thomas Graham Jackson advised on its safety in 1909-10, when he recommended light repairs. Since that time there has been very little movement of the vault as a whole. However, fractures have occurred in the ribs, and the examination in 1985 revealed that the 18th-century iron cramps were rusting badly.

Mr R. J. Ashwell, the then architect to the Dean and Chapter, and myself as consultant engineer advised the removal of a great number of these iron cramps, and the work was carried out in late 1985; hidden stainless-steel bolts have been introduced where necessary in this thorough repair of the main part of the vault.

Major problems in the cathedral, for which an appeal for £10 million is being launched, now lie elsewhere, and notably in the four crossing piers carrying the weight of the tower.

Yours faithfully,
J. HEYMAN,
Peterhouse, Cambridge.
November 7.

Research cut in nuclear physics

From Professor M. G. Haines

Sir, The Government's announcement (report, October 27) of drastic cuts in nuclear-fusion research came ironically only one week after the International Conference on Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion Research, when remarkable progress towards scientific break-even was reported, not only from magnetic fusion (particularly the Joint European Torus project at Culham) but also from laser-driven inertial confinement, strengthened by results from a recent underground implosion in the US.

Plasma physicists have some confidence now that the next generation of experiments should attain the goal that would be one of the greatest scientific achievements of mankind.

Such research is expensive, but the potential rewards are great and environmentally more acceptable than nuclear fission. Unlike fission, fusion will not lead to problems of proliferation through production of plutonium.

The large scale of experiments in nuclear fusion make it a natural candidate for international collaboration. The superpowers at Reykjavik demonstrated their willingness not only to deal in disarmament but also to join together (inviting also the European Community and Japan) in the next stage of harnessing thermonuclear energy.

By its action the Government has clearly shown that it has no stomach to stay at the top table and to participate in international projects that involve a long haul. As far as I am aware it did not even consult a single scientific expert in the field before making its decision. Sir, this is not responsible government.

This decision will stifle in the UK an important subject to which Britain has made significant contributions; it will increase our scientific brain drain and, worse, it will reduce our credibility as a reliable international partner in any future collaborative project in technology or science.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM HAINES,
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
The Blackett Laboratory,
Prince Consort Road, SW7.
November 2.

Left hand, right hand?

From Dr C. J. Gibbins

Sir, Two weeks ago, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Kenneth Baker, inaugurated, with much praise, a new space centre (report, October 22), to be developed by the physics department at Leicester University. This week, the University Grants Committee proposed that this department be closed or amalgamated (report, November 1).

The folly does not stop there, however. In the light of a chronic national shortage of physics teachers, the UGC is recommending the same fate for nearly 60 per cent of all university physics departments throughout the country.

Yours incredulously
C. J. GIBBINS,
15 Willow Tree Close,
Shippon,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
November 2.

Children and chess

From Mr Stewart Reuben

Sir, Sir Stuart Milner-Barry (November 4) expresses disquiet about the "hothouse" encouragement of children to specialise at a very early age. The Polgar sisters, aged 12 and 14, who played last week in the Duncan Lawrie Chess Tournament were their own advertisement for the success of such an endeavour.

Despite being encouraged to concentrate on chess from the age of four and despite, in the case of Judit, reaching heights of playing strength only previously encountered in children at least two years older than herself, they are perfectly natural children. They have a grasp of foreign languages which would be the envy of almost all British children.

Freed from the tyranny of the school bell and the democratic tendency to cater to the median standard, many children would make greater progress than under our current educational system.

Yours faithfully,
S. REUBEN
(British Chess Federation Director for Congress Chess),
11 Haversham Close,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
November 4.

Present indicative

From Mr P. W. Oldfield

Sir, While shopping in Oxford Street the other day my elder daughter kindly informed me that she had purchased all her Christmas presents. The awful thought flashed across my mind: "The annual present I don't wish to receive" – in my case shaving foam.

I wonder what other people live in fear of receiving, or are they just grateful for the thought?

Yours faithfully,
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Stratton,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
November 1.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 8: The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf arrived in London today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Their Excellencies arrived at Gatwick Airport, London.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, accompanied by His Excellency the Senegalese Ambassador and Madame Idrissa Fall, welcomed The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf on behalf of The Queen.

Their Excellencies, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses, travelled by Royal Train to Victoria Railway Station.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon and The Duke and Duchess of Kent, met The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf at Victoria Station.

Their Excellencies, accompanied by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, drove in a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace with a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, with two Standards.

Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and from the Tower of London by the Honourable Artillery Company.

Guards of Honour were provided at Gatwick by The Queen's colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force, at Victoria Station by the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards and at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard (2nd Battalion, Scots Guards).

The Queen invested His Excellency with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf this afternoon drove to Westminster Abbey where His Excellency laid a Wreath on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

Afterwards at St. James's Palace, Their Excellencies received an Address of Welcome by the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a State Banquet this evening in honour of The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Duchess of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were present.

The following had the honour of being invited:

Suite of The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf.

Monsieur Pape Diouf (The President's Son), His Excellency Monsieur Ibrahima Fall (Minister of Foreign Affairs) and Madame Ibrahima Fall, His Excellency Monsieur Djibo Ka (Minister of Planning and Cooperation), His Excellency Monsieur Famara Ibrahima Sagna (Minister of Industrial Development and Crafts), Madame Fatoumata Ka (Vice-President of the National Assembly), His Excellency Monsieur Bruno Diatta (Head of Protocol to The President), Monsieur Babacar Mbaye (Diplomatic Counsellor to The President), Colonel Lamine Cisse (The President's Doctor), Colonel Boubacar Wane (Aide de Camp to The President).

Specially attached in attendance upon The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf

The Lord Somerleyton (Lord in Waiting) and the Lady Somerleyton, Mr. John Macrae (British Ambassador at Dakar) and Mrs. Macrae, Lady Susan Hussey (Lady in Waiting), Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, R.N. (Equerry in Waiting).

Ambassadors and High Commissioners

His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Cyprus and Mrs Panayides, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Idrissa Fall, His Excellency the Ambassador of Greece and Madame Stathatos, His Excellency the High Commissioner for The Gambia and Mrs Monday, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Sierra Leone, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs. McClelland; His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and Mrs. de Mel, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco and Mrs Zenined, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand and Mrs. Prasasvinitcha.

Members of the Senegalese Embassy

Monsieur Abdou Sourang (1st Counsellor) and Madame Sourang, Monsieur Henri Mendy (1st Counsellor), Lieutenant-Colonel Abdoulaye Diop (Military Attaché)

The Cabinet

The Lord Chancellor and the Lady Mackay of Clashfern, The Prime Minister, The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe, The Lord Privy Seal, The Secretary of State for Energy and Mrs. Parkinson, The Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Mrs. Major.

Special Invitations

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Runcie, The Right Hon. the Speaker and Mrs. Weatherill, The Lord Great Chamberlain and the Marchioness of Cholmondeley, The Lord and Lady Farnham, The Baroness Young, The Lord and Lady Cledwyn of Penrhos, The Lord Chief Justice of England and the Lady Lane, Field Marshal the Lord Bramall and the Lady Bramall, The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, The Right Hon. James Molyneaux, M.P., The Right Hon. Neil Kinnock, M.P. and Mrs Kinnock, The Right Hon. Robin and Mrs. Leigh-Pemberton, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse and Lady Fieldhouse, General Sir John and Lady Chapple, Admiral Sir John and Lady Woodward, Sir John and Lady Burgh, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Sir Francis and Lady Kennedy, Sir David and Lady Orr, Sir Anthony and Lady Kershaw, Sir Rex and Lady Hunt, Sir Patrick Neill, QC and Lady Neill, Sir Frank and Lady Gibb, Major-General and Mrs. Christopher Airy, Monsieur Cheikh Sylla, Monsieur Mademba Ndiaye, Monsieur Simon Dioh, Monsieur and Madame Jean-Noel de Bouillane de Lacoste, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Angus, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Balfour, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bauman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Birch, Mr. Geoffrey Coates, Mr. Michael Coates, Professor and Mrs. Anthony Kirk-Greene, Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod, Mr. Michael Miller, QC and Mrs. Miller, Dr. Donal Cruise O'Brien and Miss Sarah Cruise O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shelley, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shepperd, Professor and Mrs. Roland Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Iain Vallance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, this morning presented the 1988 MacRobert Award to Quantel Limited at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, attended a reception for the Royal Philanthropic Society at Buckingham Palace.

This afternoon The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, attended a Council Meeting of the Shire Horse Society at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Warwick, and in the morning visited the Lord Leycester Hospital to mark its Quatrocentenary.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Own Hussars, reopened the Regimental Museum in the Guildhall.

Her Majesty subsequently visited the George Marshall Centre of the Warwick Association for the Blind.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Reception held at the Mansion House in aid of the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at a reception given by the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Development Trust at Waterman's Hall, At Mary-at-Hill, London EC3.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

Fellowships

Queen Mary College, University of London, is to confer Honorary Fellowships on Dr John Alvey, former Managing Director, Development and Procurement and Engineer-in-Chief, British Telecom; Mr Bryan Magee, philosopher, broadcaster and former MP for Leyton, and Mr Nicholas Serota, Director of the Whitechapel Art Gallery and Director-elect of the Tate Gallery.

Fellowships will also be conferred on Professor D C Bradley, Emeritus Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at QMC; Mr John Gross, writer and editor and former member of staff; Mr Yosuke Masuda, Managing Director of Kumagai Gumi (UK) Ltd and college law graduate; the Rt Hon Lord Murray of Epping Forest, retired General Secretary of the TUC, amd Dr Mario Vargas Llosa, Peruvian novelist and former member of staff.

Sir Arthur Drew, Chairman of the Governing Body, will declare the Congregation open. The Principal of Queen Mary College, Professor Ian Butterworth, will address the Congregation.

Birthdays today

Mr Spiro Agnew, 70

Mr Kenneth Ashton, trade unionist, 63; Mr M.V. Blank, chairman, Charterhouse Bank, 46; Lord Brabourne, 64; Mr David Constant, cricket umpire, 47; Profesor Alastair Dudgeon, microbiologist, 72; Mr George Duncan, chairman, ASW Holdings, 55; Sir Robin Gillett, former Lord Mayor of London, 63; Mr Ronald Harwood, actor and writer, 54; Miss Katharine Hepburn, actress, 79; Mr Alistair Horne, author, 63; Mr Hugh Leonard, playwright, 62; Air Vice-Marshal K.G. Nairn, 90; Dame Kathleen Raven, former chief nursing officer, DHSS, 78; Miss Stella Richman, television producer, 66; Viscount Weir, 55; Mr Tom Weiskopf, golfer, 46.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Solving a very small problem

A method of separating small molecules from mixtures that is 10,000 times better than the best techniques now in use will cause excite laboratory researchers, for whom the ability to identify and purify substances from ever smaller samples is becoming a matter of priority.

The method is so precise that just a few thousand molecules of substances called amino acids can be distinguished. The quantities involved are almost unimaginably tiny. Even though a single gram of the amino acid alanine contains about 6,700,000,000,000billion alanine molecules, the new technique can distinguish as few as 6,000 of them, and separate them from mixtures containing many other kinds of similar molecule. This degree of resolution is 10,000 times better than present methods, say Yung-Fong Cheng and Norman J. Dovichi of the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, writing in the 28th October issue of the US journal *Science*.

The method will be of general interest because amino acids are the substances which, when assembled into long chains, form proteins. It is often necessary to know the order in which these amino acids occur along the chain as a first step in working out how the protein is made, and how it works. Because many important proteins, such as hormones, occur in the body in vanishingly small quantities, a method is needed to study tiny amounts without wasting a drop.

For example, the insulin on which the welfare of diabetics depends is extracted from the carcasses of slaughtered livestock, and is thus too precious and expensive to waste. Even if microorganisms are genetically engineered to produce a substance like insulin, the substance still has to be extracted either from the microorganisms themselves or the culture medium in which they grow. Because the quantities of the desired substance are small relative to the material from which it must be extracted, methods of extraction are often arduous and the finished product is scarce and expensive.

Extracting small amounts of a valuable substance from a much larger amount of material cannot usually be done all at once and some of the desired substance is wasted at each step of the purification process. Recently, a technique called affinity chromatography was developed which cuts out many steps of the purification process, resulting in higher yields. This method uses substances such as antibodies which bind very specifically to the desired substance.

But by combining two relatively well used methods, Cheng and Dovichi take a slightly different approach and come up with a much more powerful technique than either of the two on its own. Their philosophy is that purification consists of two essential parts: separating and then detecting the substance once separated.

The separation is handled by a process called capillary zone electrophoresis, in which small quantities of the solution from which substances are to be extracted are run up a capillary tube with a bore of a few thousandths of a millimetre. An electrical potential of thousands of volts is set up along the length of the tube. This concentrates the dissolved amino acids into particular areas of the tube, according to their response to electric charge, conditioned in each case by their own distinctive molecular structures. Separation by electricity is widely used in laboratories to exploit this property of molecules (see Science Report September 21).

The next step is to detect the separated molecules as they run out of the tube, each according to its electrically determined place in the column. This is done by exciting the molecules with a laser beam so that they fluoresce.

The researchers found that the very smallness of the quantities involved created its own problems. "Extrapolation of current technology by six orders of magnitude is fraught with difficulty", they say. One problem is how to improve available technology to be able to handle very small amounts of a substance. Another is that all the chemicals used in the process must be of the very highest purity. But because the new technique requires no more than a pinch of a given reagent at a time, researchers using it might be able to afford the purest available.

Henry Gee

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J. Connelly
and Miss A.K. Palmer
The engagement is announced between Thomas James, son of Dr and Mrs Thomas Connelly, of Darling Point, Sydney, Australia, an Alexandra Katherine, daughter of Mr Mark Palmer, of Houston, Texas, and of Lady Napier, of Upper Chilland House, Martyr Worthy, Hampshire.

Mr P.R. Spears
and Miss J.S. Butlin
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr Richard Spears and Mrs Christine Wilson, and Jacquie, daughter of the late Sir William Butlin, MBE, and Lady Butlin, of Jersey, Channel Islands.

Mr N.D. Boole
and Miss S.N.V. Nobes
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of the late Rev R. Boole and Mrs K.I.F. Masterson, of Alderminster, Warwickshire, and Susanna, daughter of Mr E.A. Nobes and the late Mrs J.M. Nobes, of Munich, West Germany.

Dr M. Kavanagh
and Cik Norlidah
Wati bte Rasib
The engagement is announced between Mikaail (Michael), son of the late Mr and Mrs Stephen Kavanagh, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Norlidah Wati, daughter of Encik Rasib bin Haji Mohd Yasin and Cikgu Esah bte Ahmad, of Paya Rumput, Melaka, Malaysia.

Mr T.R.M. Roseveare
and Miss B.J. Hitchings
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Roseveare, of Bovey Tracey, Devon, and Barbara, daughter of Mrs Joan Hitchings and the late Mr John Hitchings, of Broad Chalke, Wiltshire.

Mr M.A. Thompson
and Mrs S. Floyd
The engagement is announced from Canada, between Michael Anthony, son of Major and Mrs Peter Thompson, of Shalfleet, Isle of Wight, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Watkinson, of Parry Sound, Ontario.

Marriage

Mr R.J. Hebblethwaite
and Mrs J.M. Morley-Fletcher
The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, November 5, 1988, between Mr Jeremy Hebblethwaite, and Mrs Josceline Morley-Fletcher.

Anniversaries

Births: Mark Akenside, poet and physician, Newcastle, 1721; Ivan Turgenev, Orel, Russia, 1818; Edward VII, reigned 1901-10, London, 1841.

Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, architect (the Anglican cathedral, Liverpool), London, 1880.

Deaths: Paul Sandby, water colourist, London, 1809; Guillaume Apollinaire, poet, Paris, 1918; Ramsay MacDonald, prime minister 1924, 1929-31, 1931-35, at sea en route for South America, 1937; Neville Chamberlain, prime minister, 1937-40, near Heckfield, Hants, 1940; Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel, 1949-52, Rehovat, 1952; Dylan Thomas, New York, 1953; Charles de Gaulle, general, president of France 1958-69, Colombey-les-deux-Eglises, 1970.

Archaeology

Re-dating empire of Aksum

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

The empire of Aksum, once spoken of in the same breath as Rome and Persia, has been in eclipse, archaeologically speaking, for most of this century. Even its chronology has been doubtful, but recent research suggests that its *floruit* was some two centuries earlier than proposed.

Aksum occupied the northern highlands of Ethiopa, its capital at the present city of Axum in Tigre province, extending down to the Red Sea coast of Eritrea, where the principal port, Adulis, was not far from modern Mits'iwa. As the result of excavations in the 1970s, Mr Neville Chittick, Director of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, proposed that the empire had arisen in the third century AD and persisted well into the Islamic age before crumbling in the eighth century (*The Times*, June 22, 1974).

New developments, including re-dating of the crucial documentary source known as the *Periplus of the Erythrean Sea* (a description of navigation in the western Indian Ocean area) to the first century AD on the basis of evidence from India, suggest that Aksum arose in the first century and fell in the sixth. It paralleled the Roman Empire from Augustus to Heraclius, with an influx of coins after the late third century assisting in reconstructing the Aksumite chronology.

The recent re-evaluation has also been done by scholars at the British Institute in Eastern Africa, including Mr Stuart Munro-Hay and Mr John Sutton, the present director, who presented a paper last month at the British Museum colloquium on the Indian Ocean in antiquity, organized by Dr Julian Reade. The new dating for the *Periplus* was also announced at the meeting.

Aksum had a special relationship with the Roman Empire, one that its kings wanted to emphasise. Their coins bore appropriate inscriptions, at first in Greek and later in Ethiopic, while in the 330s the ruler Ezana put the sign of the Cross on his coinage. Christianinty was adopted in Aksum at more or less the same time that it became the official religion of Rome.

The empire seems to have arisen in succession to that of Kush in the Sudan, which with its capital at Meroe, near Khartoum, was the dominant power south of Egypt in early Roman times. Part of its prosperity came from control of Red Sea trade, and with contact across the sea to Arabia.

The Arab conquests of the seventh century led to the eclipse of Aksum, and here is apparently an hiatus in the Red Sea archaeological sequence at this time, reconnecting with the Indian Ocean trade only with the rise of the Fatimids in the tenth century. East Africa and the Persian Gulf remained in contact across the Indian Ocean, however, and the number of slaves reported in Islamic Mesopotamia indicates greater traffic than archaeological evidence indicates.

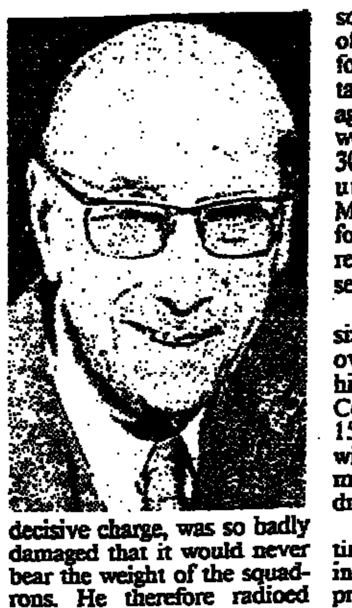
The empire had close relations with Yemen and South Yemen, extending at times to political control, and its ships sailed east as far as Sri Lanka.

Persian conquests in Yemen, the exclusion of the Romans from the Red Sea, and the shift of trade to the Gulf when the Abbasides established their capital in Baghdad, all meant that the commerce of Aksum shrank as the country became more isolated, according to Mr Munro-Hay.

OBITUARIES

CAPTAIN DONALD MARENDAZ

Bringing craftsmanship to car production



Captain Donald Marendaz, who died on November 6, at the age of 91, was a swashbuckling ex-Royal Flying Corps pilot, who has his niche in the history of the sports car for the series of elegant, custom built vehicles which bore his name for a period of ten years in the Twenties and Thirties.

The Marendaz Specials which he manufactured between 1926 and 1936, bore a certain resemblance to their great competitors the Bentleys of the period, and held a number of endurance records.

Marendaz was born in South Africa, but came to this country to serve as an RFC flier in the First World War. He has his little corner in the history of that conflict, too. In November 1917 he was the only spotter pilot to penetrate the fog above the battlefield on the first day of the action which so potently demonstrated the potential of the tank — Cambrai.

Marendaz was not in fact spotting for tanks, but for the cavalry, which, having been kept idle for most of the war on the Western front, were to be given a chance to strike a smashing blow. The idea was that they were to pour through a gap which the tanks had torn in the enemy's front in the region of Masnières. They would then roll up the German flank, a notion dear to the hearts of all cavalrymen since the war had begun in 1914.

Realising that he could see nothing from normal reconnaissance height, Marendaz brought his aircraft down, flying completely blind until he broke through under the blanket of fog at 150 feet. He immediately perceived that the bridge across the St Quentin-L'Escaut canal over which the cavalry was to make its decisive charge, was so badly damaged that it would never bear the weight of the squadrons. He therefore radioed back his findings, saving a large body of cavalry from almost certain disaster.

Marendaz was a flier of the old school (he was in combat after only twenty hours of flying). He regarded his generation of pilots as the last of the true knights of the air, and loved to recount the many close shaves he and his colleagues had, in their fragile contraptions of wire and fabric.

After the war Marendaz brought this romantic spirit to engineering, producing a series of highly prestigious sporting cars, which were considered by the owners for whom they were custom built, to be majestic acquisitions. Their style owed much to the contemporary Bentley, but to establish the individuality of his product Marendaz went in search of endurance and other records, of which his specials eventually held three, on the Montlhéry circuit.

The record-breaking game, as a publicity tactic, could sometimes lead to the pursuit of somewhat arcane records for which there were not many takers. But a safety-conscious age like ours might admire the world braking record from 30mph to stop in 24 feet, held unchallenged by the Marendaz Special 15/80 2 litre for 53 years, more than did the reckless age in which it was set.

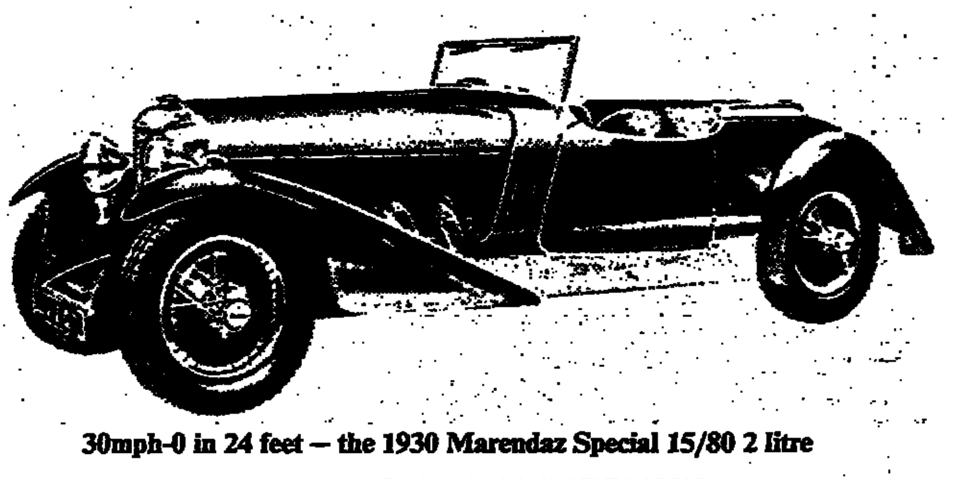
Marendaz Specials grew in size from 1,100 cc to 2½ litres over the years. The apogee of his achievement was the 2 litre Coventry Climax-engined 15/90 Special, a favourite car with Aileen Moss, Stirling's mother and a formidable driver in her own right.

With mass production getting under way in the car industry the going became progressively tough for small independents, and in the end Marendaz ceased production in 1936.

Subsequently he set up a flying school which turned out nearly 500 pilots, many of whom saw service in the Battle of Britain.

Marendaz remained proud of his achievements in upholding the best in British craftsmanship in the face of volume car standardization. Indeed he had much to be proud of, notably his early espousal of the hydraulic brake.

In latter years Marendaz tended to become something of a recluse at his home, Asterby Hall in Lincolnshire. There he was busy at his typewriter, seeking, through floods of letters, to persuade the editors of motor car journals that such names as Mercedes and Auto Union could not claim to have reigned alone in the 1930s, while they shared the limelight with the redoubtable Marendaz Specials.



30mph-0 in 24 feet — the 1930 Marendaz Special 15/80 2 litre

EARL OF RANFURLY

A popular Governor of the Bahamas

The 6th Earl of Ranfurly, who died on November 6 at the age of 75, was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas from 1953 to 1956 and, with his wife, inaugurated the Ranfurly Library Service which sends new and second hand books to developing countries.

Thomas Daniel Knox, who succeeded his grandfather to the title in 1933, was born on May 29, 1913 and educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge.

From 1936 to 1939 he was ADC to the Earl of Gowrie when he was Governor-General of Australia: it was there he met his wife, Hermione, who at that time was private secretary to the Governor of New South Wales.

He served in the Army in the 1939-45 war and, in company with a number of senior officers, was taken prisoner in Rommel's first push in North Africa in 1941. He escaped from a prison camp near Florence in 1944 and made his way to Algiers.

After the war he settled down to a career in insurance in the City and farming in Buckinghamshire which he pursued until his appointment as Governor of the Bahamas in 1953. He had an impeccable background for such an appointment: apart from his own experience in Australia, his grandfather had been Governor of New Zealand.

He proved a popular Governor and he and his wife developed a great affection for the islands and their inhabitants.

It was during his Governorship that the idea of the library service was conceived by his wife and, with his help, she organized a free book scheme for people in the "out islands" who would otherwise have had nothing new to read. A permanent Ranfurly Library was also inaugurated in Nassau.

On their return to England what had started as a local experiment expanded into a much more ambitious scheme, incorporating the Voluntary Overseas Library Service and receiving support from the English Speaking Union. In 1966 it became an independent charitable foundation, under the patronage of the Duke of Edinburgh, and despatches millions of books each year. The earl, as chairman, and his wife as vice-chairman, maintained their interest and active participation in the scheme that had been their brainchild.

Meanwhile Ranfurly pursued his career in insurance and the City. He was chairman of Inchcape Insurance Holdings from 1966 to 1983 and was a director (and latterly chairman) of the British board of Colonial Mutual Life Assurance from 1966 to 1982. He was also chairman of Madame Tussaud's from 1971 to 1980, and a governor of the London Clinic from 1973 to 1984.

A race horse owner and prominent figure on the Turf, he was elected a member of the Jockey Club in 1969 and was a Steward from 1973 to 1975.

Ranfurly was also active in charitable work: he was president of the Shaftesbury Homes and the *Arethusa* Training Ship from 1959 to 1983, chairman of the London Scout Council from 1957 to 1965 and Chief Scout's Commissioner for Greater London from 1965 to 1979.

He was created KCMG in 1955.

He is survived by his wife and daughter. The heir to the earldom is his kinsman, Gerald Francoys Needham Knox.

HANS PETER KRAUS

Bookseller who transformed antiquarian market

Hans Peter Kraus, the antiquarian bookseller died in Ridgefield, Connecticut, on November 1. He was arguably the greatest of the band of European emigrés who transformed the American rare books and manuscripts market, and with it that of the world.

Born in Vienna in 1907, into a comfortably-off medical family, Kraus chose to become a bookseller, and was just beginning to establish his reputation when the Nazis came to power. He was interned, first in Dachau and then in Buchenwald, but was released and allowed to emigrate. On Columbus Day 1939 he arrived in New York, his principal financial asset a copy of the 1494 edition of Columbus's letter describing the discovery of the Western Hemisphere.

Latterly his name was frequently on the front pages, his face on television, and with good reason. But his later triumphs concealed the rest of his trade — not only the dispersal of much of the Liechtenstein and the whole of the Arenberg libraries, but interests in reprint publishing and in periodicals as well.

With the dispersal at Sotheby's in 1958-60 of the Dyson Perrins manuscripts, the horizons widened dramatically. Kraus dominated the sales, usually buying for stock, not on commission. This was to remain his strength.

He would work closely with his customers, be they Peter Ludwig in West Germany, Martin Bodner in Switzerland, or William Scheide in Princeton, but for much of the time he was independent in the auction rooms. He bid high, and then consistently confounded those who thought he had bid too high. He not only created a market: he supported it as well, to the point where no bookseller could contemplate the purchase of an important medieval manuscript or early printed book without also guessing at Kraus's position. He took the lead, and was proud to be joint purchaser with Quaritch of the Gospels of Henry the Lion, sold at Sotheby's in 1983 for £7.4 million — still the highest price paid for a medieval manuscript.

He pursued early printed books with the same enthusiasm, prepared to buy and then find his customer. It took eight years to sell Arthur Houghton's copy of the Gutenberg Bible, bought privately in 1970 and then sold, triumphantly, to the City of Mainz. The copies of the much rarer 1457 and 1459 Psalters, extracted after controversial negotiations as duplicates from the Bibliotheque Nationale, appeared with the Bible in his catalogue 131, a catalogue unlikely ever to be equalled. The "Blandings Castle" copy of the Gutenberg Bible, however, drawn to the world's attention jestingly by Sir Robert Birley, eluded him, as he recorded with appropriate seriousness in his autobiography *A Rare Book Saga* (1978). Kraus's longstanding passion for the history of exploration, inspired by the first serious early book he owned (a 1595 Mercator atlas), was demonstrated not only in his stock, but also in his Sir Francis Drake collection (presented to the Library of Congress) and in his collection of early globes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Psalm 39:4

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On November 8th 1988, to Julie (née Cowan) and Martin, a son Tristram Charles Russell.

BARCLAY - On August 31st, to Ferzana (neé Aziz) and Aidan, a daughter Sofia Beatrice.

CAMPBELL - On October 27th 1988 to Caroline (née Harry Thomas) and Mark, a daughter Charlotte Elizabeth Margaret.

CLARENCE-SMITH - On October 28th 1988, at Auroville, India, to Nicole (née Mischler) and Peter, a son.

COVELL - On October 30th at Greenwich to Virginia and Charles a daughter Katharine Laura Diana, sister to Charlotte.

CROSTHWAITE - On November 7th to Nicola (neé Tower) and Richard, a son.

DALAMAL - On October 23rd 1988, in London, to Neena (née Sehgal) and Haresh, a lovely daughter Devika, a sister to Vikash.

DAVIDSON - On November 3rd at Humana-Wellington Hospital, to Patricia (née Carton) and Andrew, a son Calum, a brother for Sholto.

ELEY - On November 5th, to Victoria (née Hart) and Geoffrey, a son, Charles Edward Pulbrook.

EVANS - See Richards.

FUTCHER - see Osborne.

GREENE - On October 27th at St Mary's Paddington, to Rhian (née Lewis) and Kenneth a son, Robert Lovell.

HENDERSON - On November 6th, to Rosanna (née Raworth) and Bryan, a daughter Georgiana Rose Brodie.

HUNTER - On November 7th to Catharina (née Cederlund) and David, a son, a brother for Frances.

IRELAND - On October 24th 1988, at home in Marlborough, to Hilary and John, a daughter Olivia Lauren, 8lbs 12oz, a sister for James, Sarah, Luke, Thomas and Dominic. Heartfelt thanks to Midwife and Doctor.

MARSHALL - On November 7th, 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Ann (née Longmire) and Paul a son Alexander Bruce.

OAKES - On November 8th 1988, to Elizabeth (née Cuckson) and Charles, a son, Alexander James.

OSBORNE - On October 28th at Westminster Hospital, to Ursula (née Futcher) and Clive, a daughter, Georgina Rosamund Lawton.

OXENBURGH - On October 31st, in Hong Kong, to Christine (née Burgess) and Richard, a daughter Sophia Catherine.

RICHARDS On October 31st 1988 at Bristol Maternity Hospital to Rosemary (née Evans) and Michael the gift of a son, James Michael Kyffin

SPINNEY - On October 27th 1988 at Whiston Hospital, St Helens to Vyvienne (née Darling) and William, a son, Alexander James, a brother for Richard.

STANLEY - On November 7th, to Georgina (née Grimm) and Martin, a daughter, Isabella, a sister for Oliver and Clementine.

MARRIAGES

DOTSON:BARRIE - On October 28th in Nevada, U.S.A., Todd, son of Mr and Mrs George Dotson of Henderson, Nevada, and Sara Andrea, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs John Barrie of Westminster, S.W.1.

ROBSON:SMITH - On November 5th at the Swedish Church, London W1, Eirik Peter Robson to Vivien Jane Smith.

DEATHS

BEARD - On November 5th 1988, suddenly at her home in Snape, Suffolk, Patria, widow of Alan. Requiem Mass to be held at the Catholic Church, Aldeburgh, on Wednesday November 16th at 2pm, followed by interment at Snape Parish Church. Enquiries to Tony Brown FD Tel (0728) 3108.

BILTON - On November 6th 1988, after a brief illness bravely borne, in Worthing Hospital, Gerald Henry (Gerry) beloved husband of Patricia and father of Lorna, Mark, Damien and Joanne. Burial at Durrington Cemetery at 2.pm. November 11th. Flowers and Enquiries to William Weller & Son, 1 Teville Road, Worthing, BN11 1UD.

BOWIE - On Friday 4th November 1988 in London Hospital, Whitechapel. Susan Carol (aged 47 years), 7 Clementina Road, Leyton. Dearly loved daughter of Nora and Bob (formerley of Mains of Ravensby) and dear sister of Ron and Michael (Colorado). Rest in Peace. Reception of remains in St Anne's Church, Carnoustie, on Thursday 10th November at 6pm. Requiem Mass on Friday at 11am. Interment thereafter in Shanwell Cemetery, Carnoustie, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

BROOME - On November 1st, 1988, peacefully at Warren Gate Nursing Home, Kingswood, Surrey. Lena E. Broome. Widow of Eddie and dearly loved mother of Marion and Geoffrey. Private cremation has taken place.

BROWN - On November 4th, suddenly at home, Sallie Hanson, widow of Gilbert, beloved mother of Claude, Elizabeth, and Carolyn and Grandmother to Sarah, Joanna, Celina, Olivia, Charles and Miles. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church Marston Magna 11.45 am on November 14th. Family flowers only. Donations for St. Mary's Church, c/o Mr.Harold F.Miles F.D., Winton Cottage, South Cadbury.

CLICK - On November 1st 1988, suddenly, John, late of British Rail Southern Division and recently a teacher at Bexley-Erith Technical High School. The Funeral will be at Eltham Crematorium on Friday, November 11th, at 2.15 pm

COUTTS - On November 4th 1988, peacefully at home, Sir Walter Fleming Coutts, G.C.M.G., M.B.E., of 19, Malindi Street, Willetton, Western Australia, 6155. Much loved Husband, Father and Grandfather.

DAVIES - On October 28th, in his 71st year. Air Commodore Anthony Norman Davis - D.S.O. D.F.C. R.A.F. Rtrd. Deeply mourned by his wife, Dominique and children Isabel, Pierre and Katrina, his grandchildren Charles and Edward and their father, Fadhel Akrout. The requiem mass was said in the church of St. Martin's Rouvres (Eure et Loir) France, on 2nd November 1988 and was followed by burial in the same village. 59 Ile Royale, F-27540 Ivry la Bataille, 29 Route de Houdan, F-28260 Rouvres.

DAWSON - On November 7th, Edward Lionel, dearly loved husband of Caroline Florence and dear father of John and family, after a short illness in 88th year. Service on Thursday 10th November 10am at St. Mary's Church, Shortlands Bromley. Followed 11am Lewisham Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to St. Christopher's Hospice Sydenham London S.E.26.

de ROUGEMONT - On November 5th, peacefully at home, aged 93 years, Alexandre Henri Arthur, beloved husband of Françoise and father of Peter and Maureen Barr. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Esher, on November 14th at 11.30 am. Flowers to Paine Funeral Directors, High Street, Esher, by 9.30 am or, if preferred, donations to charities of choice.

FARMER - On October 31st 1988, peacefully Mrs Margaret Helen Farmer aged 93 years of Delves House, 31 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PP. Widow of Eric Rowland Farmer and mother of the late Timothy John. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium 12.30 pm. 16th November 1988. Equiries to Brinkhurst . East Grinstead 323 092.

GOLDING - On November 3rd peacefully in Harefield Hospital, following an illness courageously borne. Much loved by family and friends. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Thursday 10th at 11.30am.

HALE - On November 7th, peacefully, Ysobel Marjorie, aged 85, elder daughter of the late H. O & Y. Hale of Oundle. Funeral at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Friday, November 11th at 2pm.

HARDING - On November 7th at the Airedale General Hospital, Cicely Mary former Principal of the Ilkley College of Education, Headmistress of Settle Girls High School and Warehouseman School, Cheadle Hulme. Service will take place at All Saints Parish Church, Ilkley, on Monday November 14th at 12 noon Followed by cremation at Skipton.

HARVIE - On October 21, 1988 in Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia, James Edward, born Lennox Road, Walthamstow, London, E17. Loved father of Dorothy Crothers and Margaret White, Grandfather of four

HASHIMOTO - On November 7th at her home at 38 Castle terrace Berwick-upon-Tweed. Phyllis (née Rowley) aged 68 years, dearly loved wife of the late Roy and dear sister of Mollie, Willie and Jimmy. Requiem Mass at Saint Cuthbert's, Berwick-Upon-Tweed at 11am on Thursday November 10th, followed by burial at Tweedmouth Cemetery. Rest in Peace.

HOLE - On November 7th, suddenly at home, Camilla Hole (Lambert) Beloved mother of Annie and Kit

HOPKINSON - On November 6th peacefully in Abergavenny, Colonel Henry Somerset Parnell (Bertie) Hopkinson OBE, DL, JP, late the Rifle Brigade, aged 89. Beloved husband of Josephine, father and grandfather. Funeral at Clodoch Church near Longtown Herefordshire, 2pm, Friday 11th November, followed by burial at St. Michaels Church, Llanvihangel Crucorney, Gwent. Flowers to Philip Goode, Abergavenny

HUNTER - On November 3rd 1988, peacefully, Joan The Hon. Lady Hunter, wife of the late Major General Sir Alan Hunter KCVO, CB, CMG, DSO, MC, and daughter of the late 5th Baron Norton. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation has taken place. Parish eucharist at St Michael and All Angels, Great Tew, Sunday December 11th, 11.00am.

LYNE-PIRKIS -On Thursday November 3rd at Frimley Park Hospital, Rosemary, much beloved daughter of Richard and Maureen and sister of Diccon, Julian and John-Simon. 'So fair, but sadly worn and frail'. Funeral Service at The Park Crematorium, Aldershot, on Thursday November 10th at 11.00am. All flowers and enquiries to E. Finch and Sons Ltd., Aldershot (0252) 22281.

McCARTHY - On November 7th, peacefully at home in Winchester, in her 99th year, Martha Jane, wife of the late Loughlin. An indomitable spirit.

MURPHY - On October 31st, following a road traffic accident in Australia, Sarah Margaret Ellen, beloved eldest daughter of Liam and Pam. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cobham, on Friday, 11th November at 11 am. Flowers to James and Thomas, Cedar Yard, Mill Road, Cobham (0932) 62009

NEELY - On November 6th, Reverend George Edward, after an illness bravely borne, loving father of Mary, father-in-law of Bob, grand dad to Thomas. Will be sadly missed.

READ - On November 6th 1988 Eric (Peter), c/o Page, The Old Rectory, Mavesyn, Ridware, Staffs.

SCHUBERT - On November 6th, Antonie, aged 87 years. Widow of Helmut Schubert and mother of Peter and Elizabeth. Remembered with love by family and friends. Private family Cremation.

SMITH - On November 7th, suddenly at Yeovil General Hospital, Archie, aged 2½ years, adored son of Nick and Lavinia. Private funeral at Stock Church, Stock Gaylard House, Sturminster Newton, Dorset on November 10th at 11.30 am. Flowers welcome. Donations, if desired, to be sent to Childrens Ward 10 Fund, Yeovil General Hospital, Somerset.

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STAINTON - On November 7th 1988 suddenly at home, Anthony Nathaniel K.C.B., Q.C., beloved husband of Rachel, father of Griselda, Anthea and Julia, grandfather of Hector, William, Felix, Venetia, Laura and Harry, and brother of Jacqueline. Family flowers only. Funeral enquiries to Messrs Francis Chappell (Sevenoaks)450203

TURNER - On November 6th 1988 peacefully at Eastbourne. Margery (née Lazenby) loved by Tony, Jennifer, Martin and Karen. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday, November 14th at 11.30 am. Flowers to Haine & Son Ltd. 19 South Street, Eastbourne

WIGG On November 6th. Lady Wigg, the beloved wife of the late Rt Hon Lord Wigg, our dearest mother, nana and great nana. Funeral on Friday November 11th. Service and Cremation at Bradwell Crematorium, Newcastle under Lyme at 12.30 pm. Will friends wishing to attend please meet at Bradwell Crematorium. Cut flowers only please, flowers and enquiries to W. R. Betteley Funeral Directors, 315 Uttoxeter Road, Longton. Tel (0782) 313542.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

OWEN - Jason Matthew Dale, of Penarth, beloved youngest son of Maureen and Dale Owen, brother of Justin and Julian and grandson of Evelyn Kelly. Born November 9th 1978, died after 6 weeks in Cardiff Royal Infirmary, aged 5 years, on January 17th 1984 from Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome. Priceless, treasured memories of a darling boy, on his tenth birthday and thanks for all the joy he gave to so many in his short life.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY No 1724 of 1988

I A BRATHWAITE a general builder of and lately trading at 148 Mount Pleasant Lane, Clapton, London E5 9JG also as a general builder

I Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA give notice that I was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the above-named on 1st September 1988. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address

Dated this 1st day of November 1988
R HOCKING
Trustee

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY
ACT 1986

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Dated this 1st day of November 1988
R.M. ADDY
LIQUIDATOR
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT No. 958 of 1986
IN THE MATTER OF
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY
ACT 1986

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Dated 4th November 1988
NEVILLE ECKLEY,
Liquidator

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Any information required by Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from D L Platt of Cable House 239 Regents Park Road London N3 3LF, being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.

Dated this 1st day of November 1988
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J MEADE
Director

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Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new Chapter House of Southwark Cathedral at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will attend a luncheon for the sponsors of the International Youth Skill Olympics '89 at Claridge's hotel at 12.45; and, as president of the trustees, will attend a meeting of the Trustees of the Westminster Abbey Trust at Buckingham Palace at 5.00.

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Cambridge Youth Theatre, will attend a charity performance of *The Heart of a Dog* by the CYT at the Half Moon Theatre, Mile End, at 7.30, in aid of the Cambridge/ King's College (London) Paediatric Liver Transplant programme.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, will attend a performance of the Gang Show at the Key Theatre, Peterborough, at 7.25.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a reception to mark the fifth anniversary of the inception of English Heritage at Ironmongers' Hall at 6.50.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, will open the Earl Mountbatten Day Centre at Newport, Isle of Wight, at 11.20.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will open the new training centre at the Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre at Thatcham, Berkshire, at 11.00

MacRobert Award

At a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace yesterday, the Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of The Fellowship of Engineering, presented the 1988 MacRobert Award. The Managing Director of Quantel, Mr R. Taylor, received the Gold Medal on behalf of Quantel for the Paintbox television graphics system and the Harry video editing system. Bronze replicas were presented to Mr P. Kellar, Mr A. Searby, Mr R. Cawley and Mr N. Hinson together with a cash prize of £6,250 to each individual.

Sedbergh School

The annual Sedbergh School Newsletter will be published in May 1989, and will contain full details about Old Sedberghian Day which will be on Saturday, October 21.

'Lost' springtime

A brilliantly-coloured picture in the Pre-Raphaelite manner, lost to academic view since 1862, was bought by the London dealer Angela Neville at Phillips yesterday for £110,000 (estimate £100,000-150,000).

The artist, Arthur Hughes (1832-1915), although not among the original seven members of the Pre-Raphaelite brotherhood, is considered one of the most talented of the movement's followers.

His gleaming study in colour and texture, "The King's Orchard ", was painted in response to the critic Ruskin's remark that no Pre-Raphaelite had successfully pictured an English spring.

At The Royal Academy exhibition of the following year no fewer than three English springs had sprung, including works by Millais and Horsley.

SALEROOM

By Jenny Gilbert

Sotheby's two-day sale of Japanese art ended yesterday with dealers and private collectors from Japan walking off with the biggest spoils.

A 17th-century six-fold screen featuring panoramic views of the city of Kyoto was the top lot, selling within estimate for £44,000.

The Japanese stores group Seibu, bidding on behalf of clients, secured two 17th-century works of the Tosa school. One, a gold and silver handscroll depicting a mounted nobleman and companions out hunting at the foot of Mount Fuji, cost £18,700. The other, at £17,600, was a set of volumes containing miniature paintings and texts in calligraphy.

Memorial services

Brigadier R.F.B. Hensman

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier R.F.B. Hensman was held yesterday in St Faith's Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean officiated, assisted by the Rev Stephen Waine. Brigadier Sir Frederick Coates and General Sir John Gibbon read the lessons. Major-General R.E.T. St John gave an address.

Mr Laurence Irving

A memorial service for Mr Laurence Irving was held yesterday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Wittersham, Tenterden, Kent. The Rev Seymour Harris officiated. The Rev Dick Dengate read the lesson and Mr Frank Wootton gave an address.

Canon Tom Livermore

A memorial service for Canon Tom Livermore was held yesterday at St Lawrence's, Morden. The Rev Norman Warren officiated, assisted by the Rev Timothy Harper. Mr Paul Wells, Director of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and the Rev Dr David Samuel, General-Secretary of the Church Society, read the lessons. The Bishop of St Albans and the Archdeacon of Norfolk gave addresses.

Mr David McFall

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr David McFall was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. Prebendary Norman McCurry officiated. Miss Olga Lowe read from *The Prophet* by Kalil Gibran and Mrs Molly Bown read *Fern Hill* by Dylan Thomas. Mr Sidney Hutchison gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs McFall (widow), Leo McFall (son), Laura McFall (daughter), Mr and Mrs Donald McFall (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Gilbert Hooper (sister), Miss Sarah McFall, Miss Fiona McFall, Miss Helen McFall, Mr Martin Carr, Sir Robin and Lady Brook, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Mr Roger de Grey (president, Royal Academy) with Mr Piers Rodgers (secretary) and Mr Laurie Bray (assistant secretary); Mr Tom Coates (president, Royal Society of British Artists), Mr Leonard Manasseh, Mr John Ward, Mr Bernard Dunstan, Mr Norman Adams, Mr Willi Soukop, Miss Elizabeth FitzGerald (City and Guilds Art School), Mr Keith Morris, Dr and Mrs P De Mare and Mr E J Margrie.

Reception

Ironbridge Development Trust

The Duke of Gloucester attended a reception held last night by The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Development Trust at the Watermen's Hall, London, EC3. The President, Sir Peter Gadsden, GBE, AC, welcomed the Duke, and Alan Gillett, MA, FRICS, Chairman of the London Committee, received the guests. Lord Camoys, Sir Sir Kirby Laing and the Earl of Lindsay, were among those present.

Dinners

Anglo-Netherlands Society

Mr J.L. Brinkman, Minister of Culture of The Netherlands, and Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, were the guests of honour at the William and Mary Tercentenary dinner and dance of the Anglo-Netherlands Society held last night at the Savoy hotel. The Hon Sir Clive Bossom, president, and Lady Barbara Bossom and Mrs June Summerhayes, chairman, received the guests.

Among others present were the Ambassador of The Netherlands and Mme Jonkman and The Netherlands Consul General and Mrs Verduyn.

General Dental Council

Sir Frank Lawton, president, and members of the General Dental Council held a dinner last night at 37 Wimpole Street. Dr C.A. O'Sullivan, President of the Dental Council of Ireland, was the principal guest.

Women's Advertising Club of London

Mr Jeremy Isaacs, General Director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, was principal speaker at a dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy hotel last night. Miss Judith Salinson, president, was in the chair.

Fruiterers' Company

Mr A.G. Coster, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, presided at the annual Master and Wardens dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall. Mr J. Grinling, Mr S.M. Alley, Sir Edward du Cann and Commander M.T.H. Styles also spoke.

Royal Commonwealth Society

Sir Peter Marshall, Chairman, Royal Commonwealth Society, hosted the annual Commonwealth Dinner at the Royal Commonwealth Society last night in honour of the High Commissioners. Mr I. Tarua, High Commissioner for Papua New Guinea gave the reply on behalf of the Chairman's toast.

Other guests included Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, government officials, leading personalities from the world of politics, business, the universities, and the media as well as from a wide range of organizations concerned with Commonwealth activities.

Standing Council of the Baronetage

Sir Ronald Lindsay of Dowhill, Chairman of the Standing Council of the Baronetage, presided at an executive committee dinner held last night at the Hyde Park Barracks, Knightsbridge. The Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal of England, Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, Mr Ian Macfarlane and Mr Henry Bedingfeld, Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms wer the guests.

Others present included:

Viscount Gough, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Sir Ralph Anstruther of that Ilk, Sir Nicholas Bacon, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, Sir Tobias Clarke, Sir Philip Duncombe, Sir Geoffrey Errington, Sir Charles Rowley, Sir James Scott, Sir Edward Studd, Sir Henry Warner and Sir Rowland Whitehead.

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The Government may seem confused about its role, preaching about rolling back the frontiers of the state, only to increase its expenditure and its nannying influence on our lives; but many of its citizens are equally muddled about what they want the state to interfere in.

The luxury of our disputes over emphasis in a mixed economy, not to say over our rights to drink lager in public in Coventry, or to quote Sinn Fein spokesmen or supporters on television, have been put into perspective by the trenchant series about Iron Curtain Europe, *The Other Europe* (Channel 4). Last night, presenter Jacques Rupnik turned his remarkable English (and his rare mastery of the faint smile on camera), to the follies of post-war economic central planning.

There were some comic touches amid the gloom and doom — and industrial pollution — of failed five-year plans. One Czech plan was such a straight adoption of a Soviet one that there were provisions for deep-sea fishing and reindeer herdsmen. But Rupnik offered little hope for East European economic reforms ever being able to overcome state bureaucratic inertia.

***Bradford Front Line*, which opened the Thames TV documentary series about social work, *Witness* (ITV), brought back home with a vengeance the problems of the relationship of the individual to the state. The most difficult and painful issue was, as in the recent BBC documentary about social workers in Lincoln, child abuse.**

Out of that programme, you could not but admire the quiet patience and dedication of the workers, whom society have put into an impossible position. But, even without the Cleveland affair, the safe rather than sorry (if no doubt correct), decision to take an unabused baby from a family with a history of child abuse, could not but provoke unease.

Mercilessly, although we were spared a shot of the seizure, we did see the almost jokey relief of the workers when it had been successfully carried out.

It was left to an alcoholic woman who had voluntarily given up her children to voice pathetically, in a drunken, almost toothless, slur, an irrational if understandable protest: "Social workers — once they get their claws into you, they take your kids."

Andrew Hislop

Vladimir Ashkenazy and Mstislav Rostropovich talk to **Richard Morrison** about the Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich

Ashkenazy (left) and Rostropovich (right) conduct the RPO and the LSO in all 15 symphonies by Shostakovich (centre), in the series *Music from the Flames*, which resumes on November 13 at the Festival Hall

Double meanings of life

Do we now have a true and complete version of the enigmatic life of Dmitri Shostakovich? Probably, says Vladimir Ashkenazy. "I believe his memoirs, *Testimony*, are absolutely genuine. The Soviet government was upset by the unflattering portrait of the country, so they said that Solomon Volkov [the Shostakovich pupil who smuggled *Testimony* to America] was lying. Now, under Gorbachov, they realize they must accept reality; they are even going to publish *Testimony* in Russia."

Mstislav Rostropovich is less certain. "It is Maxim Shostakovich's memoirs which will be most important, because he was very close to his father. Writings by Shostakovich's friends are not trustworthy; those still in Russia are not free to speak out yet, even under *glasnost*. Maybe in 10 years, yes. Shostakovich was secretive anyway, scared to tell things even to friends. He was terrified for his family. 'Everything is clear through my music, not my words,' he told me. Of course, the music has double meanings too."

After the *Pravda* denunciation in 1936 and the public humiliation in 1948 by Stalin's cultural henchman, Zhdanov, Shostakovich had good reason to be paranoid. "Sumbatian, my piano teacher at the Moscow Central Music School, happened to live in the same building as Shostakovich," Ashkenazy recalls. "She told me that in 1949 or 1950 she met him outside her apartment. 'Excuse me, Anaida, do you have running water today?' he said. She replied 'yes, of course'. He said 'I don't, but I know why.' He really thought that the authorities had cut off the water to his apartment."

Ashkenazy, who left the Soviet Union in 1963 when he was 26, had little contact with Shostakovich; Rostropovich was one of the composer's closest friends until the cellist emigrated to England in 1974. Both men, however, attest to the impact which Shostakovich's symphonies made on his own countrymen. "The attitude to music in the Soviet Union is very special, almost religious," says Rostropovich. "People attend concerts to try to touch another life, or to hear a true reflection of their own life. In America, by contrast, people come to a concert before or after dinner, and I sometimes wonder whether concert or dinner is more important.

"Russian audiences immediately understood that Shostakovich wrote music about our life. Other composers — Prokofiev, for instance — mostly composed music about their own beliefs, or about fairy tales. That is not a real photography of our times. Shostakovich's music is. At his premieres, ordinary people said: 'That music is about my life.' His symphonies are about hypocrisy, about lies, about sarcasm."

In 1961 Ashkenazy attended the first performance of the perplexing Fourth Symphony, remarkably, since the work was written before the pianist was born (then suppressed, following the 1936 purge). Ashkenazy (who conducts the Fourth at the Festival Hall on Sunday) finds parallels with Mahler here. "Both composers were interested in the individual fighting against reality.

"Shostakovich's Fourth is not a masterpiece, it's a monster. But in it the composer wanted to show the chaos of the reality surrounding him in the 1930s — the falsehoods, the exaggerations, the trivialities, the extermination of the best people. That was the time when the intellectual core of Russia was simply eliminated from participating in real life. Shostakovich wanted to express all that hopelessness in the Fourth. So if the musical shape is formless, that is right for depicting what was around him.

"It does make it a difficult work to conduct, though. The 'programme' symphonies — 11, 12, 13 and 14 — are much more straightforward, in the sense that you know what they are about. The Fifth is difficult because the finale is so odd, whichever way you conduct it. The Tenth is the real masterpiece: a perfect fusion of subject and form."

Neither Rostropovich nor Ashkenazy plans to return to the Soviet Union in the near future. "When I left," Rostropovich says, "I was never angry against my country, never against my people, only against the bureaucracy and the system." Yet Rostropovich admits that Shostakovich's music gains a unique authority and power precisely because he did stay inside the country, despite all tribulations. "You know the old French proverb: to become beautiful you must suffer. That held true for Beethoven and his deafness, of course. Overcoming this sickness was his strength. And it is the same with Shostakovich."

CONCERTS

Evolutionary revolutionary

Nash Ensemble/ Sarah Walker

South Bank

In two successive South Bank programmes on the same evening, the theme of Schoenberg as a "Reluctant Revolutionary" was illustrated by his response to verse. Even the intensely romantic *Verklärte Nacht* among his earliest works had its revolutionary element, in the way Richard Dehmel's poem of the lovers and their "transfigured night" is subsumed in the abstract narrative of the string sextet, the words having disappeared altogether.

The six players of the Nash Ensemble at the Queen Elizabeth Hall were concerned to illuminate what Schoenberg described to Dehmel as "the new tone in the lyrical mood" which this and other poems of his had stirred up in the composer. The long symphonic structure was paced with palpitating feeling and an understanding of the tension created by the ambivalent harmonies as well as its linear strength.

Too much of this in performance, however, was tipped towards the middle and lower registers of string tone, over which the violins tended to sound merely wispy. Nor were problems of instrumental balance fully solved in the sometimes turgid texture of the G major String Quintet (Op 111) by Brahms, beside which the denser writing of Schoenberg sounded a model of transparency.

If the intention was to show how Schoenberg, in the context of the older Viennese tradition, had moved so far forward from Brahms in a few short years, the works could not have been better chosen. They were preceded by the seamless serenity of the prelude to Richard Strauss's *Capriccio*, from 40 years later, an ironic if beguiling conceit to begin the programme.

Most of Sarah Walker's short early evening recital in the Purcell Room was given to Schoenberg's way with a different kind of verse, less than 10 years after his encounter with Dehmel. *The Book of the Hanging Gardens* (a possible translation for the sequence of 15 expressionist poems by Stefan George for which the pieces were composed), found the composer on the brink of abandoning tonality for a greater freedom in giving musical life to the poet's introverted thoughts.

The revolutionary aspect here is in the way the lines of voice and piano almost never coincide, and with her pianist partner, *Iain Burnside*, the singer conveyed an eloquent assurance in this respect. The different musical character of the songs, from operatic passion to withdrawn soliloquy, was realized with sensuous vocal appeal, as indeed had been the character of those songs by Brahms which formed her introduction.

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The Queen of Spades

Playhouse, Derby

Pushkin's story does not take long to read: six short chapters; 30 pages in all. This makes the proposal to convert the piece into a two-hour play doubtful of success from the start. The relationship between Hermann and the Countess's niece, which in the story develops rapidly but logically through letters secretly brought and messages pressed into the hand, is here swollen to become a bold passion, where Hermann stalks through St Petersburg — "city of mystery, city of illusion" — with his dark cloak flung up against his throat, and Lise starts forward, darts back and utters doleful cries.

Long after Hermann's interest in her has served its dramatic function, i.e. to give him access to the old Countess's boudoir, the love affair continues to roll around the stage, driven by such mediocre lines as: "Don't do this to me! Don't do this to yourself!"

Building up love interest obstructs the forward thrust of the adventure but would matter less if it had deepened our awareness of the hero's obsession. Only in the area of Hermann's sense of social inferiority does Nigel Gearing (author of the interesting *Berlin Days, Hollywood Nights* last year) creatively develop what Pushkin passes over.

***The burden of filling two hours* weighs on all aspects of Susan Todd's slow production. The set, by Anthony Ward, is certainly handsome, with a gambling table extending the width of the stage. Giant snuffers, painted with playing cards, descend upon characters who carefully place themselves beneath; but the effect is not so much nightmare-like as mechanical and frivolous: will the snuffer land on the Countess's hem?**

Of the performances one cannot say more than that Ian FitzGibbon as Hermann and Alexandra Mathie's Lise do what the director asks them to: speak loudly and with pauses. It is presumably the same with Yvonne Bonnamy's Countess, but this interepretation is grossly misconceived. Instead of a crumbling 88-year-old beldam, Bonnamy is in the full vigour of middle age. Venomous she may be, but otherwordly never, and the necessary touch of supernatural creepiness must come from her. Without it the amplified cello scrapes in vain.

Jeremy Kingston

Tale of the underdog

The Heart of a Dog

Half Moon

In this Soviet reworking of the Frankenstein story (finally released to Soviet readers in 1987, 60 years after its composition) Mikhail Bulgakov relates the sad fate of a Moscow mongrel: enticed with sausages into the home of a demon doctor and transformed into human shape, he takes with such uncontrollable zest to the opportunities of his new life that his creator hauls him back to the operating table and restores him to canine form.

A programme note for this sizzlingly inventive Cambridge Youth Theatre production describes *The Heart of a Dog* as a "savage political satire". As it emerges in Richard Fredman and Richard Spaul's adaptation, the satire cuts in several directions.

In one sense, it echoes Mayakovsky's *The Bedbug* as the fable of an irreclaimable hooligan on whom the benefits of Communism are wasted. Fido, acceptable as a dustbin scavenger, becomes socially intolerable as Fidowski, wangling a job in the Moscow City Cleansing Department with the sole purpose of chasing cats. Look at the events another way, and he appears as an honest non-political figure surrounded by politicized hypocrites.

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Fierce virility: Chris Scalthorpe

Either way, you can well understand why generations of Soviet censors viewed the piece as a hot potato; a view of their society in which nobody emerges with credit. There is one moment of Beckett-like pathos in Jenny Culank and Claudette Bryanston Cross's production, when Fidowski returns to all fours and remarks "I'm lucky; warm and well-fed — I'm nothing special." It is true; but it sounds so like a lobotomy patient as to imply the opposite.

Otherwise there are no soft spots in the award-winning Edinburgh fringe show. It pays its respects to the Russian 1920s in a grotesque mannekin style, developed to a spell-binding pitch of inventive precision.

The main performances are supported by a chorus (choreographed by Liz Hale), which functions as both a visual and aural sounding board: facing Fido as a giant mirror throwing back multiple canine reflections, framed as ancestors on the doctor's walls or as experimental heads in his laboratory; and amplifying the principals' expressions with howls of hunger, or chomping satisfaction as the doctor and his partner toy with their caviare.

The main performances generally look better than they sound. The one big exception is Chris Sculthorpe's Fido, a ferociously virile quadruped revealed as an underdog only when he appears, bald, scarred, and belligerently helpless, on two legs.

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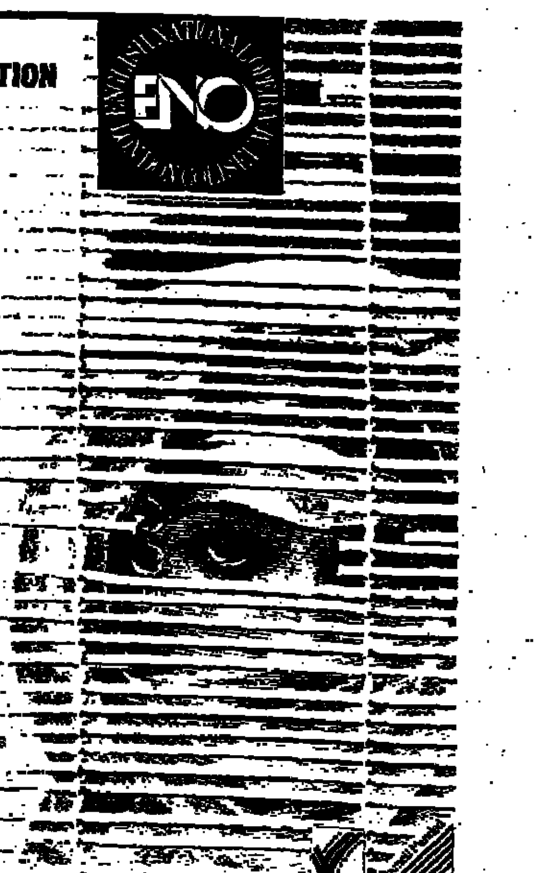

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

A comic in her own write?

Emma Thompson is a successful actress, but is she funny?

Anne Billson talks to her about her new comic TV series

NIGEL PARRY

Exorcizing demons: Emma Thompson plays a different role in running the gamut of her own making and finds writing comedy a serious business

Emma Thompson has already proved her versatility as an actress. Now she has *turned* her hand to writing. Dieting, self-defence and sexual harassment are just some of the subjects which get the Thompson treatment in her self-penned series — *Thompson* — which starts tomorrow night on BBC1.

Each of the six half-hour shows is a compilation of short comic sketches interspersed with song and dance numbers. Guest artists include her mother Phyllida Law, her sister Sophie, and two of her erstwhile television drama co-stars: Robbie Coltrane from *Tutti Frutti* and Kenneth Branagh from *Fortunes of War*.

Thompson, who picked up a BAFTA Best Actress award for her work on those series, is now running the gamut of her own making. In the second of the shows, for instance, her impersonations range from okay-yah Sloane and happy-go-lucky tramp, to a deceptively submissive nun and an unusually materialistic Maid Marian.

There is also a sketch called "Autocannibalism" in which slimmers are encouraged to achieve permanent weight loss by devouring parts of themselves. This is followed by two skits in which the words fat and fatty figure prominently as insults. One might be forgiven for thinking that Thompson is obsessed by body bulk, especially when, during our interview, she declines to touch the Savoy's teatime offering. But no: she is not trying to lose weight, and the tabloid report that she once suffered from the slimmers' disease bulimia was wildly inaccurate. She is, in fact, participating in Oxfam's organized fast for Kampuchea.

"But I am sure that, somewhere or other, I am exorcizing demons," Thompson says. "Whenever you write something that is not purely documentative, I am sure there are certain things that come *through again and again*. And I do not know any woman who has not either been on a diet or worried about what she ate."

She learnt the comic ropes in the same Cambridge Footlights year that produced Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. "It's certainly tougher than any drama school training because it's in front of an audience and you've *got* to make them laugh," she says. After various TV spots and a short-lived series called *Alfresco*, she did a 15-month stint on the West End stage, singing and hoofing her way through the female lead of *Me and My Girl*. Then came the role of Suzi Kettles, the Glaswegian art student, in *Tutti Frutti*, followed by Harriet Pringle, the heroine of *Fortunes of War*.

Thompson came about after Michael Grade, then Controller of BBC1, saw the one-hour special she wrote and performed for Channel 4 two years ago.

Writing comedy is a serious business and Thompson resorts to earnest analogy when she talks about it. She compares the process to being in the bath when the plug *has been pulled*. "*It's very interesting* — you end up lying in the bottom of the bath like a deflated balloon, feeling incredibly heavy. That heaviness was what I started with. I had to kind of fill my own bath up.

"One of the things I think is a *big problem is that* women haven't been allowed to make jokes about themselves. It's been the men who have made jokes about us, jokes we haven't liked. And I'm fed up with it."

Accordingly, it is her female characters, alternately ludicrous, sex-mad and daft, who are the butt of the jokes. "I tease my own sex because that to me is more enjoyable than teasing the opposite sex . . . but I can't make any definitive statement about the difference between male and female humour, and I'm not sure that I'm interested. Most importantly, I wrote the series for *people*. I didn't write it for women."

In her role as an actress she has also been juggling a triad of Kates: "They go back in order of liberation, but there's a strong connection between the three; they're the same soul." The first Kate is a nurse, one of the central characters in the film *Camden Town Boy*. Then there is Katherine Winslow in a forthcoming BBC production of *The Winslow Boy*, and finally Princess Katherine in the forthcoming production of Kenneth Branagh's *Henry V*. Thompson's name has been linked romantically to his in the gossip columns, but she declines either to confirm or elaborate. It is more than likely, however, that next year she will be joining Branagh's theatre company, Renaissance, to tackle the classics.

Thompson's father, Eric Thompson, was not only the creator of *The Magic Roundabout*, but also the director of some of Alan Ayckbourn's plays. The theatrical background helped, she thinks, in laying the psychological groundwork for her career.

There is no sign of insecurity in Thompson's manner. When I express reservations about some of the sketches from *Thompson* she doesn't bridle or react in any of the ways in which you would expect a 29-year-old actress to react.

"Can you think back?" she asks. "I'm sure you're right. I'm very keen to know how I could have done better."

Hauling couples off the rocks

At the first course for prospective marriage counsellors, do-gooders will not be welcome. Heather Kirby reports

Anybody who has been within *shouting distance of a divorce* soon becomes aware that deep in the psyche of almost everybody else is an amateur agony aunt longing to help. However, the "Why don't you cut the legs off his trousers?" advice usually offered probably explains why an organization like Relate, National Marriage Guidance Council has to put so much time and effort into selecting and training marriage guidance counsellors.

On Saturday, the group's London branch is holding its first one-day course to show what it is like to work with couples whose relationship is in difficulties. The sort of person, of either sex, that Relate is looking for, according to Judy Cunnington, the assistant director in charge of training, is fairly intelligent, aged between 25 and 55, and emotionally secure.

This *initial* stage of the London branch's recruitment *drive* has been so over subscribed that they have had to arrange two further seminars in February and March. The work requires no small commitment in terms of both physical and mental energy. Volunteers will have to devote at least six hours a week to counselling as well as attend discussion groups and tutorials.

According to Cunnington, there is *a lot of mystique* about what being a marriage counsellor means. "It isn't like therapy or analysis, it is much more approachable and about making it easier for couples to talk to each other," she says. "It is also about counsellors helping couples to explore what it is they want themselves.

"Counsellors don't have to be married or even have a happy marriage themselves, although a recent traumatic experience would probably debar a person from performing well while trying to help others. What is most important is the ability to listen and understand without being judgmental. It is certainly not a job for someone who always wants to make something better because often people are happier not doing anything about the circumstances they are used to living with, so we are not looking for do-gooders."

This is why the training video which will be seen by the first group of 14 volunteers (who have paid £35 each for the day's course) is called *Towards an Ending*. "It is more realistic because we see a couple arrive for counselling who are finding it very difficult to get on, who are always rowing," Cunnington says. "Then we show their progress as they go through four different sessions when they are beginning to see their problems in a different way. But we don't see their *final solution because for some* people what they want is quite clear but for others it is not so. And anyone who is interested in becoming a counsellor needs to be aware of the variations in the outcome of our work."

Recruits begin counselling after three months' training. Since the pool of volunteers available during the day is dwindling, a lot of counselling takes place in the evenings. But there are also a few part-time and some salaried *marriage guidance counsellors*.

The number of interviews carried out in London by the council is now 19,000 a year, an increase which Cunnington, who has been a counsellor for 16 years, puts down to a new realism. "Five or 10 years ago it was felt everyone had to be happy, but there is not such a sense of that now. People realize that relationships are not necessarily always perfect and they are more prepared to find out what they can do to help themselves."

More details of the one-day courses are available from the London branch of Relate at 76a New Cavendish Street, London W1 (01-580 1087).

PETER TRIEVNOR

Judy Cunnington: "It isn't like therapy"

Stepping up design

The enterprising Sock Shop supremo Sophie Mirman and her sleeping partner and husband Richard Ross have produced a "British Designer Collection" of tights, to kick off on the right foot with a launch party and exhibition at the V&A on November 17.

The tights — designed by Jasper Conran, Betty Jackson, Workers For Freedom, Artwork and English Eccentrics — will be available from November 15 at Sock Shops nationwide, selling for a modest £3.99, except for Jasper Conran's, in cotton Lycra, which will cost £7.99. All will feature distinctive prints from the designers' current collections — Betty Jackson's leaves, English Eccentrics' "palm *prints*", Workers For Freedom's animals, acorns and lovers and Artwork's embroidered flowers. Jasper Conran's, however, will be completely plain, but in spectacular colours.

The exhibition at the V&A is expected to continue for at least six months, and should provide yet another leg up for Sock Shop's whirlwind climb up the ladder of success.

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Quote me . .

"A lot of businesses are being started by women who have been working for idiots for years. They know they can do their boss's job, but they know they will never be given it."

Jean Denton, speaking at the Women in Business conference

Peachy idea

Eight years ago the fashion designer Nicole Farhi bought what she describes as the coat of a lifetime. It felt like a cross between suede and the finest silk *crêpe de chine*, was water resistant and she is *still* wearing it. It has taken her eight years to track down the miracle fabric — a Japanese development known as *peau de pêche* for its peach skin sensation — and to fashion a new "coat of a lifetime".

The understated overcoat will be on sale from January for £406, and a cheaper version will be used for a coat in her mass market French Connection range.

Cancer link

Newly diagnosed cancer patients often feel frightened and alienated partly because they are ignorant of the tremendous network of support groups. CancerLink's "Cancer Support and Self-Help Groups: A Directory, 1988" lists hundreds of these organizations around the country. The only criticism is that it is indexed by area, rather than by problem, as some people are willing to travel great distances.

From the Bath Breast Care *Group to the Leeds Laryngec*tomee Group, it lists addresses, telephone numbers and, where possible, times and places of meetings. The 1988 directory is free to cancer patients and their families, but costs £2 for others. It can be obtained from CancerLink 17 Britannia Street, London WC1X 9JN.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ASYLUM:** In Paul Kember's new play Sarah Miles is one of the inmates confronting bulldozers, a video documentary crew and the bewildering world outside.
Lyric Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm; Mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£10.

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

☆ **CAN-CAN:** Uninspired revival of Cole Porter's Paris musical.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat 3pm, £6.50-£19.50. (D)

☆ **THE FRONT LAWN:** Award-winning New Zealand comedy duo Sinclair and McGlashan, breakfast-wreckers extraordinary.
***Half Moon Theatre**, 213 Mile End Road,* E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Charity Gala tonight in the presence of Prince Edward, then *Mon-Sat 9.20pm,* £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **THE HEART OF A DOG:** Cambridge Youth Theatre's terrific production of Bulgakov's satire: mongrel transplant into Moscow prole goes crazily wrong.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. *Mon-Sat 7.30-9pm, £3.50-£6.50.* Tickets for both plays: £5-£8.

☆ ***HEART-THROB:*** Witty, poignant play co-authored by Jeremy Seabrook: two women writing letters to a prisoner in a top security jail.
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm, opens Fri, 7pm, then Tues-Sun 8pm, £5.

☆ **THE MILLIONAIRESS:** New regime under Sue Dunderdale opens with the late Shaw comedy: Barbara Flynn in the title role and Iranian actor Nasser Nemarzia as the Egyptian doctor who bargains with her heart.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train (BR): Greenwich (15 mins from Charing Cross). *Mon-Sat* 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30 and on Nov 16, 2.30pm. Mon-Fri £3.50-£7.50. Sat eve £3.50-£10. *Mats £3.50-£5.*

WORD-WATCHING

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BENDIX
(b) Victor Emanuel Bendix (1851-1926) born Copenhagen, pupil of Gade, choral and orchestral conductor, composer of several symphonies including "Summer Sounds in South Russia" and other orchestral and choral works.

RANT
(a) An old dance with an odd name and obscure character, chiefly found in works of John Jenkins, who had e.g. the *Peterborough Rant* and the *Fleece Tavern Rant.*

LORTZING
(c) Gustav Albert Lortzing (1801-1851) of Berlin, lived the theatre life, married an actress, and wrote many comic operas which in Germany are still often heard, e.g. *Zar und der Zimmermann* The Tsar and the Carpenter.

JEUNEHOMME
(a) The Jeunehomme Concerto, K.271, in E flat, 1777. In a letter Mozart described this as "The one for the Jenomy"; he meant Mme Jeunehomme, a famous French pianist who had visited Salzburg on tour.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ ***Beyond Reasonable Doubt:*** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London *Theatre (01-405 0072)* . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ ***Les Liaisons Dangereuses:*** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre *(01-240 7913)* . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ **The Queen of Spades:** *Adaptation of Pushkin's atmospheric* tale of greed, gambling and the supernatural.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £4.50-£6.50.

WINCHESTER: ★ **The Tempest:** Cheek by Jowl's national tour: Timothy Walker plays Prospero; Keight Bartlett plays the man with the wound.
Theatre Royal, Jewry Street (0962 843434). Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, £4.50-£8.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

DREAM DEMON (18): Fanciful British horror film with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave (93 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.40, 5.05, 7.35, 10.05.

A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans, an uptight English barrister and an animal rights fanatic (109 min).
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 4.45, 8.00.
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.00.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.
☎ **Plaza 1** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.40, 8.40.

FRANTIC (15): Roman Polanski's latest film — a conventional mystery drama with Harrison Ford.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.30, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs *2.15, 5.10, 8.10.*
Cannon Panton St (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.45, 7.30, 10.15.
☎ ***Warner West End (01-439 0791).*** Progs 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.35.

■ **GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15):** Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.50, 6.35, 9.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10.
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.20.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.10.
Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.10, 8.40.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-jumping accountant cross-country (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.45, 9.15.

Stepping out afresh

Siobhan Davies (above) launches her new dance company tonight, premiering two works. *Wyoming* presumably reflects the influence of the nine months she spent last year travelling and studying in the *United States on a Fulbright Fellowship.* It has a sound score by John Marc Gowans. The other new work, *White Man Sleeps,* is set to a string quartet of that title by Kevin Volans, to be played by the Degas Quartet. Both works have designs by David Buckland and lighting by Peter Mumford, Davies's frequent collaborator. Mumford will also direct a television recording of the programme, to be broadcast by Channel 4 next year. Davies is always drawn to new ventures. She started her career as a founder member of London Contemporary Dance Theatre and was one of its leading choreographers from 1974 to 1987. Additionally she starred in the ENO production of *The Seven Deadly Sins,* helped found Second Stride, ran a previous company of her own and has mounted three works for Rambert Dance Company. The latest of these, *Embarque* (premiered last month and now touring), showed a new vitality apparently resulting from her American experiences, which obviously suited her pioneering spirit. Riverside Studios, Hammersmith (01-748 3354) until November 12, 8.15-10pm, £6. ***John Percival***

CONCERTS

☆ **FEMININE TOUCH CONTINUES:** Heidi Emmert continues the "Feminine Touch" segment of the current South Bank organ recital series with Bach's Fantasia and Fugue BWV 542, Mozart's Fantasia K 594, Dupré's Variations Op 20 and Reger's Chorale Fantasia *Wit schön leuchtet der Morgenstern.*
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 5.55-6.55pm, £4.50.

☆ **MAUD AND BOYHOOD'S END:** Accompanied by David Owen-Norris, *David Wilson-Johnson, baritone, sings* Somervell's *Maud* and gives the first performance of the baritone version of *Boyhood's End* by Tippett.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £5-£10.

☆ **KITE'S CRISTOFORI:** The Cristofori ensemble is directed by Christopher Kite in Mozart's Quintet K 452, Beethoven's Quintet Op 16 and other pieces.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **PESEK PERFORMS:** Libor Pešek *conducts the Royal Liverpool* Philharmonic in Dvorak's Symphony No 3, Strawinsky's Symphonies of Wind *Instruments* and *Rachmaninov's Piano* Concerto No 2 with Vladimir Ovchinikov as soloist.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope St, Liverpool (051 709 3789), 7.30pm, £3.25-£9.25.

☆ **COMPOSER CASUALTIES:** The Armistice Festival brings forward works by two composers who died in World War I: the pianist Leslie Howard plays Granados's *Goyescas* cycle, then he is joined by Augustin Dumay for Magnard's Violin Sonata.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2-£6.

☆ **PLOWRIGHT PLAYS:** A solid programme from Jonathan Plowright with Schubert's Piano Sonata D 960, Greig's Ballade, 5 of Rachmaninov's Études-Tableaux and Berg's Sonata Op 1.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

OPERA

☆ **THE MAKING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLANET 8:** First night of Philip Glass's allegorical new sci-fi opera promises the start of another cult happening at English National Opera.
Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.15pm, £2.50-£26.

★ ***DIE ENTFUHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL:*** Glyndebourne Touring Opera bring their exquisitely designed and *discreetly staged Mozart production to* Manchester, with Martyn Hill as Belmonte.
***Palace Theatre**, Manchester (061 236* 9922), 7-10pm, £5-£20.

ROCK

☆ **THE PASADENAS:** Wildly successful, young, nouveau soul-boy posse, whose *debut album To Whom It May Concern* sold more than 100,000 copies in the UK within three days of its release.
***Dominion**, Tottenham Court Road,* London W1 (01-580 9562) 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50, for two nights.

☆ **GEORGE BENSON:** Cocktail jazz and disco-soul from the man who mixes the *swing of Joe Pass with the tack of Glenn* Medeiros.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 8pm, *£12.50, for two nights.*

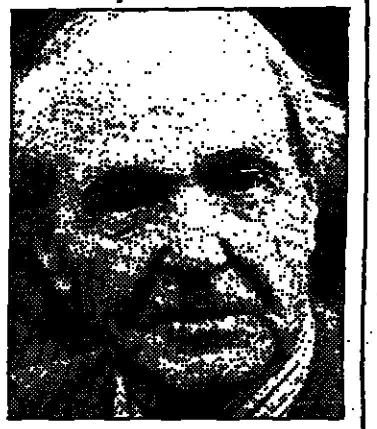
★ **CLIFF RICHARD:** The 30th *anniversary tour grinds on.* Watch out for a grimly pious Christmas single called "Mistletoe And Wine" due out *any day now.*
Cornwall Coliseum, Carlyon Bay, St Austell (072 681 4004) 7.30pm, £9.50-*£13.50, for four nights.*

JAZZ

☆ **BENNY WATERS:** Still going strong at 86, the American reedsman appears with the Tony Lee Trio.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, *London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £4.50.*

☆ **GREAT GUITARS:** A mellow touring showcase for Charlie Byrd, Herb Ellis and Barney Kessel.
Prince Of Wales Theatre, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay (0492 532668) 8pm, £5.

☆ **IRAKERE:** Chucho Valdez's *exhilarating Cuban ensemble is back* until Saturday. Watch too for the support set from the versatile Dave *Defries Quartet.*
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 *(members £2).*



Early in the Blitz Henry Moore (above) was startled by the sight of Londoners bedding down in lines on Underground platforms like "slaves chained in the hold of a ship". This hellish spectacle fired *his imagination* and *he* began entering the Tube nightly to make surreptitious sketches which were later amplified and finished in his studio. *Henry Moore: The Shelter Drawings,* a comprehensive exhibition of these notable war *documents from the last months of* 1940, starts tomorrow at the British Museum (see listing).

☆ **TAL FARLOW:** In residence for three *nights, the bebop guitarist recreates the* heyday of the Red Norvo Trio, helped by Bill Lesage (vibes) and Dave Green (bass).
Pizza Express, 10 Dean St, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, ring for prices.

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** London Festival Ballet begins a tour of Natalia Makarova's *production.*
Theatre Royal, Newcastle (091-232 2061). 7.30-10pm, £4-£14.50.

☆ **APOLLO:** Balanchine's Stravinsky masterpiece, with Christopher Bruce's dramatic *Swansong,* and other works given by a selected group of dancers from London Festival Ballet.
Coronation Hall, Ulverston (0229 57120). 7.30-10pm, £4-£7.

☆ **DARK ELEGIES:** Tudor's great ballet, *by Rambert Dance Company, with* Richard Alston's *Rhapsody in Blue* and *Strong Language.*
***Haymarket**, Leicester (0533 539797).* 7.30-9.45pm, £4.-£8.50.

GALLERIES

MALI MORRIS: Recent abstract paintings.
Bede Gallery, Springwell Road, Jarrow (091 489 1807). Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Dec 23.

NEW ENGLISH ART CLUB: The annual *exhibition of the society formed by* Clausen and others in 1886.
The Mall Galleries, 17 Carlton House *Terrace, London SW1 (01-930 6844),* Daily 10am-5pm, free, until Nov 19.

HENRY MOORE (1898-1986): See caption.
British Museum, Great Russell St, London WC1 (01-636 1555), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, £2, until Feb 12.

JOHN PAWLE: Recent paintings.
Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 8144), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Dec 2.

CONTEMPORARY ART SOCIETY *MARKET:* *Hundreds of paintings by* young artists at prices from £70-£700.
***Smith's Galleries**, 35 Shelton Street, London WC2 (01-836 6252), 11am-8pm,* free, until Nov 12.

ADRIAN HEATH: Paintings and drawings 1983-88.
Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 1732), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-12pm, free, until Dec 8.

***AMANDA FAULKNER:** Recent drawings* illustrating a new book about The Seven Deadly Sins.

TALKS

THE RATIONAL IMPERATIVE: KANT AGAINST HUME: The 34th Dawes Hicks *Lecture given by Dr Ralph Walker.*
The British Academy, Lecture Hall, 20-21 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 (01-487 5966). *5pm. Free.*

MENLUNGTSE AND THE SEARCH FOR THE YETI: Chris Bonnington talks about his amazing trek to the Himalayas in search of the legend earlier this year.
St David's Hall, Cardiff (Box Office 0222 371236). 7.30pm. Adult £4.50. Child £2.25.

WALKS

JEWISH EAST END: meet Aldgate East tube. 11am. £3 (01-504 9159).

JACK THE RIPPER SPECIAL: meet Aldgate East tube. 11am, £3 (01-504 9159).

PUBS, PIRATES, SMUGGLERS AND PRESSGANGS: meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, £3 (01-558 4019).

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: meet Temple tube. 11am. £3 (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

THE ARTS FOR THE EARTH AUCTION OF BOOK ILLUSTRATIONS: Donations of work by *many famous artists,* including Sir Hugh Casson, Gerald Scarfe, Ralph Steadman, Peter Blake, Jan Pienkowski, *will come under the* hammer at Bonhams today, all in aid of Friends of the Earth.
Bonhams, Montpelier Galleries, Montpelier Street, London SW7, (01 584 9161). Viewing 9.30am-5pm, sale 7pm prompt.

SALE OF PHOTOGRAPHICA: Auction of *an important family collection of* photographs taken by Lewis Carroll from the early to the mid 1870s, most of *one of his favourite sitters Xie* (Alexandra Kitchin), Queen Alexandra's goddaughter.
Phillips, 7 Blenheim St, New Bond St, London W1 (01-629 6602). Viewing 9-11am. Sale at noon.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RSC IN DECEMBER: Performances at the Barbican include *The Taming of the Shrew, The Churchill Play, Measure for Measure, Titus Andronicus, A Question of Geography, The Bite of the Night* and *Electra.*
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET: Booking for contemporary melodrama, inspired by Mary Braddon novel, with Neil Bartlett, Annie Griffin, Leah Hausman and Luke Williams.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493). Nov 17-Dec 22.

LAST CHANCE

HOWARD FERGUSON: Exhibition of life and works to celebrate 80th birthday of Northern Irish composer, pianist and teacher. Ends today.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

CAROL BARKER: Illustrations, drawings and photos by traveller to Pakistan refugee camp and drought-prone state of Rajasthan.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION:
Photo Gallery, Henry Cole Wing, V & A, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-938 8441/8349/8500). Ends Sun.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**Orinoco Flow**	Enya, *WEA*
2	(2)	**Je ne Sais Pas Pourquoi**	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
3	(4)	**Stand Up For Your Love Rights**	Yazz, *Big Life*
4	(3)	**Girl You Know It's True**	Milli Vanilli, *Cool Tempo*
5	(17)	**First Time**	Robin Beck, *Mercury*
6	(8)	***She Makes My Day***	*Robert Palmer, EMI*
7	(5)	**Kiss**	Art of Noise/Tom Jones, *China*
8	(30)	**He Ain't No Competition**	Brother Beyond, *Parlophone*
9	(24)	**One-Two-Three**	Gloria Estefan/Miami SM, *Epic*
10	(15)	**Real Gone Kid**	Deacon Blue, CBS

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	***Money For Nothing***	*Dire Straits, Vertigo*
2	(3)	**Kylie — The Album**	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
3	(—)	**Greatest Hits**	Human League, *Virgin*
4	(2)	**Rattle and Hum**	*U2, Island*
5	(7)	**New Light Through Old Windows**	Chris Rea, *WEA*
6	(5)	**Watermark**	Enya, *WEA*
7	(6)	**Smash Hits Party 88**	Various, *Dover*
8	(4)	**Rage**	T'Pau, *Siren*
9	(9)	***The Greatest Hits Collection***	Bananarama, *London*
10	(17)	**Soft Metal**	Various, *Stylus*

Compiled by Gallup for Music Week/BBC/BPI

A feast of films

Tomorrow in the *Information Service*: a full guide to the 32nd London Film festival

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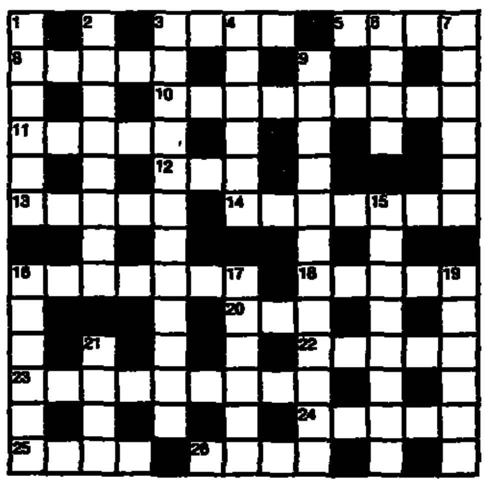

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4 Marzipan nut (6)
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15 Collarbone (8)
16 Exile (6)
17 Figure carving (6)
19 Tempt (6)
21 Heavy going (4)

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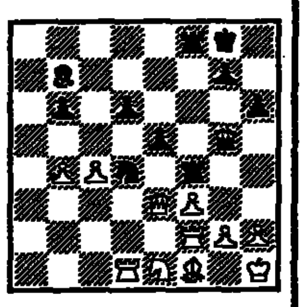
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Stahlberg (White) and Alekhine (Black), Hamburg 1930. Black plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times.*

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Rxg7 since if Rxf6 2Ke5

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 8800 Tonight at 7.30 pm. THE PHILHARMONIA. John Nelson. Joshua Bell. Kodaly: Dances of Galanta; Mozart: Violin Concerto in A. K219; Dvorak: Symphony No 9 (From the New World).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Planet 8. Tomor 7.30 Simon Boccanegra.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. THE ROYAL BALLET Ton't - Sat Westminster [illegible] Week - not avail. for public booking.

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Ton't-Sat LA LA LA HUMAN STEPS "NEW DEMONS" British Prem. Eves 7.30. LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE ARDEN COURT Nov 22-3 Dec.

WESTMINSTER 834 0283/4 CC 834 0048 until Nov 19 LONDON CITY OPERA Ton't 7.00 THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO. Tomor 7.30 WERTHER.

THEATRES

ARTS S 836 2132: CC 379 4444 24 hrs. 7 days (no bkg fee) Hull Truck in John Godber's TEECHERS "TALES OUT OF SCHOOL" The Guardian. "MARVELLOUSLY FUNNY" The Times Mon-Thur 8. Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9 Stud., UB40's, Snr.Cits £1.50 off 1 hr before perf.

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 First call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO APRIL '89 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 867 1115 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (No bkg fee)/741 9999 240 7200 (Bkg fee) Grps 867 1113 BEST MUSICAL SWET Award 1983 WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD BROTHERS Starring KIKI DEE "ASTONISHING...A Milestone in British Musicals" S Exp "THRILLING, ORIGINAL and IMPORTANT...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

ALDWYCH 836 6404/0641 CC 379 6233/741 9999 First Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Mon-Fri Evenings 7.30 Mats Wed 3.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30 ROWAN ATKINSON TIMOTHY WEST CHERYL CAMPBELL in THE SNEEZE Plays & Stories by Anton Chekhov Adapted by Michael Frayn Directed by Ronald Eyre

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC with bkg fee 240 7200/01-741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Seats sometimes available - Call Today!

APOLLO Shaftes. Ave. 01-437 2663 CCTB 01-741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (No Bkg Fee) Grp Sls 01 930 6123 WENDY HILLER BARRY FOSTER CLARKE PETERS in DRIVING MISS DAISY by Alfred Uhry Winner! 1988 Pulitzer Prize 'A Magical Performance' S.Tel Evgs. Mon-Sat 8.00 Mats. Sat 5.00

APOLLO THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave. B.O. & C.C. 01-437 2663. Agents CC (no bkg fee) 01-741 9999 / 379 4444 & CC (with bkg fee) 240 7200 From 6 December FRANCESCA ANNIS GILLIAN BARGE ZOE WANAMAKER NATIONAL THEATRE production of MRS KLEIN by NICHOLAS WRIGHT Directed by PETER GILL "Nothing that meets the eye, ear or intellect is anything less than a joy or surprise" D. Mail

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "AMAZING" Times STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £8 on Tues mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '89

BOULEVARD Walkers Court W1 off Peter St. 01-434 1256 LAUGHING WILD by Christopher Durang Nov 8-Dec 3 Mon-Sat 7.45 Tickets £6.50 £5 WICKED LIFE Fri-Sat 10.45pm £7

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Ton't 7.30, tomor 2.00 & 7.30 THE TAMING OF THE SHREW 'MARVELLOUS PRODUCTION' C.Limits THE PIT Ton't, tomor 7.00 THE BITE OF THE NIGHT by Howard Barker (Students £5 in adv) (Curtain down 11.30pm approx).

CAMBRIDGE 379 5299 cc no bkg fee 741 9999/24hr bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444 Groups 930 6123 ADAM FAITH ANITA DOBSON BUDGIE The Musical "A FIVE MINUTE OVATION AND A CHORUS OF CHEERS" Std Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 HALF PRICE MAT TODAY

CHURCHILL BROMLEY 18 mins Victoria 460 6677 CARMEN SILVERA, CIARAN MADDEN, DAVID GRIFFIN, RICHARD WARWICK, POLLY JAMES, LUCY FLEMING, NEIL DAGLISH, HELENA MICHELL, JEREMY BRUDENELL, ALEXANDRA BASTEDO IN TIME AND THE CONWAYS by J.B. Priestley Evgs 7.45; Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 - Until Nov 19

COMEDY THEATRE Panton St SW1 01-930 2578 ALEC GUINNESS "Masterly" F.T. EDWARD HERRMANN "Fascinating" Standard in A WALK IN THE WOODS by LEE BLESSING "Polished, witty, & humane" Gdn "Ronald Eyre's elegant production" Gdn Evgs. Tues-Sat 8.00 Mats Wed at 3.00 Sats at 4.00 cc First Call 7 day 24-hr 01-240 7200 (Bkg Fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) CCTB 01-741 9999 (Bkg Fee)

CRITERION S 867 1117 CC 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1115. Eves 8. Thu mat 2.30. Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company BRIAN MURPHY JEFFREY HOLLAND JOHN JUNKIN LINDA HAYDEN JILL FOOT RAY LONNEN LESLIE LAWTON RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2400 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Exp

DOMINION (01) 580 9562 JIM DAVIDSON in LONDONS ALLSTAR PANTOMIME CINDERELLA with SHERRIE HEWSON GEORGE SEWELL Opens Dec 17th for 5 wks. 379 4444. CC. 01 741 9999

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). David Merrick's 42ND STREET WINNER OF THREE MAJOR 'BEST MUSICAL' AWARDS 1984 Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 01 930 6123

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 240 7200/379 4444/ 741 9999. Grps 836 6123 ALAN AYCKBOURN'S "DELIRIOUSLY FUNNY" D.Tel HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES "PERFECTION...it will leave you weeping with laughter" D.Exp "HILARIOUS" Today "THE FUNNIEST EVENING IN LONDON" NofW Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.15 LAST THREE WEEKS! TOM STOPPARD'S ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE Red Price Prevs fr Nov 30 Opens Dec 7 at 7 WED 30 NOV: ALL SEATS £5 Mon-Thur 8 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.30

FORTUNE 836 2238, 240 1614. CC 741 9999 First Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Eves 8.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30 SOLD OUT UNTIL CHRISTMAS. SEATS AVAILABLE FROM JAN 9 TO FEB 18. MAUREEN LIPMAN in RE: JOYCE! Adapted from the works of JOYCE GRENFELL with Denis King Directed by Alan Strachan

FORTUNE 01-836 6260 / 2238 MATINEES FOR 3-9 YEARS 2 Shows from Dec 20 BERTIE BADGER'S CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE THE ENCHANTED TOYSHOP All Seats £5.00

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days 741 9999/379 4444 open all hours (no bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 Mon to Fri 8pm Mat Tues 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm NOEL COWARD'S COMEDY EASY VIRTUE "...a triumph" D.Mail "Not to be missed" S Tel "Hilarious... wonderful stuff" S.Exp

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/ 741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123. Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3.00 GERALDINE McEWAN SARA KESTELMAN in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with MORAY WATSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30. THE MILLIONAIRESS by George Bernard Shaw.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 HEDDA GABLER Eves 8pm Sat 4.30 & 8pm. ENDS SAT

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 First Call 24 hour 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (Bkg Fee) REX HARRISON EDWARD FOX "Rules the Roost" D Exp. "Subtle, Powerful, Tender" Obs in J.M. BARRIE'S "Mischievous...Courageous Comedy" Sun Exp. THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON Evgs 8.00, Mats Weds & Sats 3.00

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-930 9832 cc 1st Call 24hr 7 day 01-240 7200 (Bkg Fee) & Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) VANESSA REDGRAVE in ORPHEUS DESCENDING by Tennessee Williams Directed by Peter Hall Prevs from 7 Dec. Opens 13 Dec.

HER MAJESTYS Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL CORMICK Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 New booking period (Postal applications only) June-Sept 30 '89 Queue daily for returns

LILIAN BAYLIS THEATRE SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES by John Guare. Denis Quilley. Nichola McAuliffe. Helen Lederer. Harry Towb. Kelly Hunter. "QUILLEY IS MAGNIFICENT" FT. "SPIRALLING LUNACY... EXCELLENT COMEDY ACTING" IND. LAST WEEK Eves 7.45 Tomor Mat 2. Sat Mat 3. From Nov 17 THE MAD WOMAN OF CHAILLOT.

LONDON PALLADIUM From 21 December ALLO ALLO with the TV Stars "IT'S ALL SAUCE AT THE CAFE OF LAUGHS" Daily Express. Box Office & CC 01-437 7373 Agents CC with Bkg Fee. First call 24hr/7 day 01-240 7200 & CC no Bkg Fee CCTB 01-741 9999/ Open All Hours 01-379 4444 Group Sales 01-930 6123

LYRIC 01 437 3686 01 434 1550 cc 01 434 1050/734 5166/741 9999 24 hr cc 379 4444/836 3464 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BRIAN RIX "Master Farceur" D Mail "Returns in his SMASH HIT" Tms DRY ROT "A FARCE TO BE RECKONED WITH" D Mail "A Corking Evening Out" D Mir Eves 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 Eves 7.45pm Mats: Wed 2.30pm Sat 4pm ASYLUM a new play by Paul Kember. Cast includes SARAH MILES. Studio: Eves 8pm Shared experience in THE BACCHAE.

MAYFAIR 629 3037 cc 379 4444 Dec 12 - 31 Twice Daily 2.00 & 4.00 Wed & Sats 10.30, 2.0 & 4.0 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW.

MERMAID 236 5568. From Tues One week only. Today & Fri 2pm & 7pm. Tomor 10am & 2pm Sat 3pm & 7pm WINNIE THE POOH by A A Milne. Adapted by Glyn Robbins.

NATIONAL THEATRE SB1 Box Office & CC 01-928 2252 Grps 01 620 0741 Agencies, bkg fee: 240 7200/741 9999 NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER Ton't 7.00 THE WINTER'S TALE by Shakespeare. Tomor 8.00. Today 5.50. LECTURE: The Winter's Tale. All Sts £2. LYTTELTON Today 2.15 & 7.45 THE SECRET RAPTURE new play by David Hare. Tomor 7.45 THE CHANGELING. COTTESLOE Ton't & Tomor 7.30 THE FATHER by August Strindberg. Cheap seats day of perfs all theatres from 10am.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS SEATS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 1989 MON TO THURS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 89

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821. Eves 7.30. Wed Mat 2.30. Sat 4.00 & 7.45. "INTRIGUING, IMAGINATIVE PRODUCTION" Standard. THE TEMPEST by William Shakespeare "MAX VON SYDOW'S SORROWING PROSPERO ... LIKE THE WHOLE PRODUCTION IT IS A PERFORMANCE WITHOUT SHOWY EFFECTS. IT IS WITH SUCH QUIET LUCIDITY THAT MILLER'S TEMPEST KICKS UP A STORM" Independent. LAST THREE WEEKS

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Grps 494 1671 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '89

PHOENIX THEATRE 01-836 2294 cc 01-240 9661 or 01-741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) also 01-240 7200/ 01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) November 24 until January 7 DEREK JACOBI in RICHARD II by William Shakespeare Directed by Clifford Williams Evgs. 7.30 (Nov 28 at 7.00) Mats Thurs and Sat 2.00pm From January 11 RICHARD III

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999 Grps 867 1113 The Fabulous Singlettes in STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE "A gloriously tongue-in-cheek tribute to the legendary girl groups" Times Mon-Thurs 8 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.30 LAST WEEK!

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123 Eve 7.30 Mat Thur/Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek OVER 1000 PERFORMANCES!

PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC 24hr (with bkg fee) 836 3464/379 6131 ASPECTS OF LOVE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S New Musical Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Opens April 12 1989

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC "WALL-TO-WALL SHOW STOPPERS" D Express "TERRIFIC" Times "A Great Musical" S Times Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 01 836 1226 Group Sales 930 6123 MUST END JAN 14 PRIOR TO NATIONAL TOUR

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999/379 4444 24hr 7day cc 836 3464 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 TONY BRITTON GWEN WATFORD BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT by JEFFREY ARCHER "BRILLIANT" Press Assoc. "A TRIUMPH" D Exp IN ITS 2ND YEAR Mon-Sat 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 4.30

RAYMOND REVUEBAR CC 734 1593 Mon-Sat two shows nightly 8pm & 10pm. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA 1958 - 1988. Now celebrating 30 SENSATIONAL YEARS at the world's centre of erotic entertainment.

ROYAL COURT 730 1745 CC 836 2428 Until Sat THE RECRUITING OFFICER Next Perf Tomor 8pm. OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD Ton't 8.00.

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888 cc 836 0479/379 6219 741 9999 (no bkg fee) CC 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (booking fee) Grps 930 6123 MICKEY ROONEY ANN MILLER 'Perfection' ST 'Phenomenal' Obs in SUGAR BABIES "SHEER MAGIC ... SHEER UNREPEATABLE MAGIC" D Mail Eves 8 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30 Limited Engagement. Book Now!

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE Box Office 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) cc 741 9999 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 "A SUMPTUOUSLY STARRY PRODUCTION" FT "EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE" D Tel JULIA McKENZIE MILLICENT MARTIN DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & EARTHA KITT FOLLIES "After 14 months Follies remains THE BEST MUSICAL in London" Gdn. "Musicals don't come any more adult or any better" Time Out. 'A HEAVENLY SHOW' Mail on Sunday Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. Group Discounts Wed Mats. Now booking to Jan '89

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat 5.0 and 8.0 36TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRATFORD UPON AVON Box Office and cc (0789) 295623 or First Call (with booking fee) 01 240 7200 (RST and SWAN) Royal Shakespeare Company at RST. THE PLANTAGENETS; Richard III Tonight, Fri, Sat 7.30, Henry IV Mat Tomor 1.30. Sat 10.30am; Edward IV Tomor 7.30, Sat 3.00. Swan Theatre Restoration Tonight, Sat 7.30, Mat Tomor 1.30. [illegible] Tomor 7.30. The Man Of Mode Fri 7.30. Mat Sat 1.30. The Other Place, The Love Of A Nightingale and Across Oka. Stop-Over meal/ticket/ hotel package (0789) 414999.

STRAND cc 836 2660/4143/ 5190 cc 836 3464 741 9999 379 4444 Groups 240 7941 Eves 7.45, Wed & Sat Mats 3pm COLE PORTER'S CAN-CAN "could hardly be done better... Great fun!" Daily Mail DONNA McKECHNIE "Terrific" Ind MILO O'SHEA BERNARD ALANE "IF I WAS GOING FOR A JOLLY GOOD EVENING OUT I'D GO TO CAN-CAN" Kaleidoscope

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 cc 741 9999 1st Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Reduced price previews from 16 Nov. OPENS 21 NOV at 7pm IAN McKELLEN JANE ASHER in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S new play HENCEFORWARD... Evgs 7.30 Wed 2.30 Sats 5 & 8.30

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 cc 741 9999 1st Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Mon-Fri Evgs 7.45. Mat Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0 & 8.30 MICHAEL GAMBON JONATHAN PRYCE IMELDA STAUNTON [illegible] and GRETA SCACCHI in UNCLE VANYA by ANTON CHEKHOV in a new translation by MICHAEL FRAYN Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE LAST WEEK ENDS SAT

VICTORIA PALACE 834 1317 "The Real Thing" Standard LERNER & LOEWE'S BRIGADOON "Is the most joyously robust show to be seen in the West End - NOT TO BE MISSED" Daily Exp CC (bkg fee) 836 2428/741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123 Mon-Sat 7.30 Thur & Sat 2.30 THURS MATINEE HALF PRICE

WESTMINSTER 834 0283/4 CC 834 0048 379 4444 Open all hours 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 - 24 hrs 7 days (bkg fee) Two Narnian Plays: From 29 Nov THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW. From 11 Jan THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE NOW BOOKING.

WHITEHALL 867 1119 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999 Grps 867 1113 "The Master's New Thriller" S.T. FRANCIS DURBRIDGE'S A TOUCH OF DANGER "Firecracker Of A Thriller" N of W Eves 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5

WYNDHAM'S THEATRE 01-867 1116 cc 01-867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 01-867 1113 "An Ideal Holmes" D. Tel JEREMY BRETT EDWARD HARDWICKE in THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES by Jeremy Paul "The best Holmes and Watson I have ever seen" Sunday Express "Both performances are of a high brilliance" Times Lit Supplement Directed by Patrick Garland Mon-Fri 8.00, Sats. 5.30 & 8.30 Mats Wed 3.00

ART GALLERIES

CAMERON, BRANGWYN, [illegible], WALCOT etc. prizes in etching exhibition at The Building Centre Gallery, Third Floor 26 Store Street, WC1. Till 26th Nov. 10-6 Mon-Fri.

COLNAGHI 14 Old Bond St. W1. 01-491 7408. GOTHIC TO RENAISSANCE. European Painting 1300-1600. Daily 10-6; Sats 10-1.

CRANE KALMAN GALLERY 178 Brompton Road, London SW3. Tel:01-584 7566. MARY NEWCOMB - Paintings and Drawings. Until 26 November. "...imaginative ideas, not pictures...enchanting...". Quote from a letter from Ben Nicholson. Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturdays 10-4pm.

CONTEMPORARY ART SOCIETY MARKET, Smith's galleries 33 Shelton Street. Covent Garden WC2. 9-12 Nov 11am-8pm daily. 700 works for sale between £70 and £700. Sponsored by Sainsbury's with support from Smith's Galleries.

FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond St W1 01 629 5116. A MOORE DISCOVERY also ARTISTS IN SOHO & [illegible].

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St. St James's, SW1. 01-839 3942. HENRY MOORE - Sculpture and Drawings. Until 13 Jan. Mon-Fri 10-5.30; Sats 10-12.30.

GALERIE BESSON 15 Royal Arcade. 28 Old Bond St. W1. 01-491 1706. HANS COPER. Until 25 Nov. Tue-Fri 10-5.30; Sats 10-12.30.

JPL FINE ARTS: IMPRESSIONIST AND POST-IMPRESSIONIST Paintings, Pastels, Watercolours and Drawings. 26 Davies Street, London W1. Tel: 01-493 2630.

MALL GALLERIES, The Mall. (Nr Admiralty Arch). SW1. 01-930 6844 Annual Exhibition of THE NEW ENGLISH ART CLUB. November 10-19. 10am-5pm (inc Sun). Admission free. Come and buy paintings for Christmas. Starts tomorrow.

MEDICI GALLERIES, 7 Grafton Street, Bond St. W1. 629 5675. SOCIETY OF LIMNERS: an exhibition of miniature paintings by 26 contemporary artists. 11-24 Nov. Mon-Fri 9-5.30.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, PICCADILLY, W1. Recorded Info: 01-439 4996/7. Henry Moore. Toulouse-Lautrec: The Graphic Works. Norman Adams: Colour Chart of a Way. Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun (reduced rate Sun am).

ROY MILES GALLERY, 27 Berkeley Square, London W1. Telephone:01-495 4747. On View: Sir John Lavery, Lord Leighton, Sir E. Burne-Jones, Walter Crane, R. Scott Tuke. Mon to Sat 10-7. Sunday 3-6.

SPINK, King Street, St James's. SW1. Douglas Stannus Gray, 1890-1959. A second exhibition from the artist's studio. Until 25th November. Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30.

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp. Camden Tube 485 2443 Paul Cox's VINCENT (PG) Progs 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.50.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 Percy Adlon's BAGDAD CAFE (PG) Progs 1.00 3.00 5.00 7.00 9.05.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. LOUIS MALLE'S AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS (PG) Film at 1.30 (not Sun) 3.45 6.20 8.50. "This is a film I urge you to see" Barry Norman Film '88.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 ITAMI'S DEATH JAPANESE STYLE (18) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.10 8.40.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. BARBARA HERSHEY in A WORLD APART (PG) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.10 8.40. "Humane, subtle and powerfully moving" FT.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Terence Davies' Highly Acclaimed DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15) Progs 1.20 3.15 5.10 7.10 9.10 & Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 VINCENT (PG) The Life and Death of Vincent van Gogh Daily: 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0.

ODEON HAYMARKET 839 7697 All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome. THE DAWNING (PG) Sep Progs Daily 1.15 3.45 6.15

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear
and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast Time with Sally Magnusson in London and Jeremy Paxman in Washington analyzing the overnight results in the American presidential election. Includes national and international news at **6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **6.55, 7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather

9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Susan Rae and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television offerings. To contribute ring 061 814 0424

9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical matter

10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold.** European general knowledge quiz (r).

10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with **Playbus 10.50** ***Jimbo and the Jet Set*** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Robert Eddison with a reading

11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air** with Bob Wellings and Pattie Coldwell. Includes an item on the unseen female television continuity announcers.

12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** On the 25th anniversary of the death of Dylan Thomas, a musical celebration of his best known work, *Under Milk Wood*. Plus the junior health minister, Edwina Currie, answering viewers' questions on tranquillizer dependency **12.55** Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Harold takes a look at the *garage* accounts and finds discrepancies; and Des and Mrs Mangel settle out of court — much to Daphne's dudgeon

1.50 Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz. The questionmaster is Henry Kelly

2.15 Knots Landing. Val Ewing goes into labour **3.00 I've Got a Secret.** Panel game presented by Tom O'Connor. The guests are Joe Brown, Sandra Dickinson, Barry Cryer, Nina Myskow, Henry Cooper and Wayne Dobson **3.30 Cartoon Triple Bill**

3.50 Two by Two. The ninth of Jenny Powell's 15-programme natural history series **4.05 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon (r). **4.10 What's Your Story?** with Sylvester McCoy **4.25 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's guide to better picture making. (Ceefax)

4.50 Newsround 5.00 The Children of Green Knowe. Episode one of a four-part adventure serial (r). **5.30 What's Your Story? 5.35 Neighbours** (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer

6.30 London Plus and weather

7.00 Wogan

7.35 Doctor Who. Episode two of the three-part adventure starring Sylvester McCoy. (Ceefax)

8.00 Rockliffe's Folly. The detective sergeant is on the trail of two penniless teenage runaways who are becoming desperate. Starring Ian Hogg. (Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis in London and Michael Buerk in Washington. Regional news and weather

9.30 The Visit. This first of a new series presented by Desmond Wilcox is a two-part documentary on a controversial therapy for autistic children pioneered in the United States. (Ceefax)

10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. **Football:** highlights from tonight's European competitions games; **Tennis:** the Benson and Hedges tournament from Wembley; **Rugby Union:** news of Australia's game today against Edinburgh

11.50 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys and Kathy Rochford; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Rochford; **8.00 News**; **9.00 News and After Nine** which includes items on premenstrual tension and ways of fighting fatigue

9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association quiz game. **9.55 Thames news and weather 10.00 The Time. . .The Place. . .** Sue King chairs a discussion on a topical subject

10.40 This Morning. Today's edition of the magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley includes items on the new face of the British countryside and on how to get the best from your shopping choices. Plus national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55**

12.10 Allsorts (r). **12.30 A Country Practice.**

1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.30 Thames news** and weather followed by **Crimestoppers**

1.40 Heirloom. John Bly and his guest expert Brand Inglis examine viewers' selection of silverware **2.10 Richmond Hill.** Australian drama serial

3.00 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game chaired by Michael Parkinson. Today Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by William Boyde, Gilly Coman, Suzanne Dando, Derek Griffiths, Martin Jarvis and Judy Loe **3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 The Raggy Dolls (r). **4.10 The Rattlea.** The first of a new children's series **4.20 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds.** Cartoon adventures **4.45 Palace Hill.** A new series

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game

5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 Thames news and weather**

6.25 Help with details of a children's scrap project

6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Rural drama serial

7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs a surprise on another worthy.

7.30 Coronation Street. Mavis prepares to become the blushing bride little realizing that Emily is secretly worried. (Oracle)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests tonight include Jennifer Rush, Status Quo, Spike Milligan and American illusionists, the Pendragons

9.00 Film: When Dreams Come True (1985) starring Cindy Williams. A made-for-television drama about a woman who has premonitions — one of them being that a man will try to murder her. Directed by John Llewellyn Moxey (continues after the news).

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart **10.30 Thames news** and weather

10.35 Film: When Dreams Come True continued

11.10 Midweek Sport Special. Football: highlights from tonight's Littlewoods Cup games; and from European competitions.

12.30am Kojak. A gambling-mad policeman falls into the debt of a powerful underground figure who blackmails him into letting a prisoner escape

1.30 America's Top Ten

2.00 News headlines followed by **Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: Black Carrion.** A journalist learns the truth about the mysterious disappearance of two pop singer sisters (r).

3.30 Quiz Night with Ross King

4.00 News headlines followed by **Three's Company.** Comedy series.

4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsclips

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.20 Daytime on Two: the fourth of six films about the police and the public **9.50** French language **10.05** For the very young **10.20** Science: joins **10.40** A Stirling street **11.00** Words and pictures **11.15** Horror stories **11.35** Maths investigations **11.55** Places and people's religious experiences **12.15** The body machine **12.35** The effects on Africa of being divided into colonies **1.00** For people with learning difficulties.

1.25 Fingermouse (r). **1.40 Zig Zag** (r). **2.00 News and weather** followed by **Storytime** (r).

2.15 International Tennis. First round action in the Benson and Hedges championship. The commentators are Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams and Mark Cox. **News,** regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**

5.00 The Perfect Pickle Programme. The first of a six-part series on home-made pickles and chutneys and the people who make them

5.30 Film 88 presented by Barry Norman (r).

6.00 DEF II begins with **Mission Impossible.** The secret agents save the free world once again. Starring Peter Graves (r).

6.50 Reportage includes an examination of the issues surrounding Aids.

7.40 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall and Frank Muir are joined by Eve Matheson, Simon Williams, Angela Gordon and Andrew Sachs. Introduced by Robert Robinson

8.10 Timewatch: Vision of a Conqueror. (see Choice)

9.00 Blind Justice. This last of five film dramas about the law in Britain today concerns the discovery of a freelance arms-running business within the Secret Service. Starring Jane Lapotaire, Jack Shepherd and Ronald Lacey

10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick **11.15 Weather.**

11.20 Behind the Beat includes Michael Jackson's *Smooth Criminal* (r). Ends at at **12.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.

12.00 The Parliament Programme

12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service

1.00 Reaching Agreement. The first of a five-part Open College series on communication skills (r). (Oracle) **1.30 Women: The Way Ahead.** For women returning to training or work after a gap of several years (r). (Oracle)

2.00 Film: French Without Tears (1939, *b/w*) starring Ellen Drew and Ray Milland. Comedy, based on Terence Rattigan's hit play about a young beauty who causes chaos at a school for diplomats. Directed by Anthony Asquith. **3.35 Moving On.** An animated film from Britain

3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A discussion on why some husbands feel it necessary to have affairs.

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz **5.00 Cartoon Alphabet**

5.30 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy series

6.00 Family Ties. Domestic comedy.

6.30 Voice of War. The first of a new six-part documentary series about the First World War as revealed by personal letters, photographs, diaries and archive film. (Oracle)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing

7.50 Party Political Comment from an SDP politician. Followed by **Weather.**

8.00 Brookside. Tracy learns that Nikki shares her dislike of Gerard. (Oracle)

8.30 Dispatches examines claims of genocide in Tibet

9.15 Signals: Chasing the Bird. A tribute to the jazz saxophonist Charlie Parker.

10.15 Friday Night Almost Live. Among those appearing are Judy Tenuta and Robbie Coltrane

11.15 Lou Grant. Los Angeles newspaper drama series

12.15am Film: The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle (1979) A showcase for the punk rock group the Sex Pistols. With cameo performances from Ronald Biggs and Irene Handl. Directed by Julien Temple. Ends **2.10.**

Fresh slice of Orange

TELEVISION CHOICE

The Dutch prince who landed at Brixham 300 years ago and won the English crown from King James II (BBC2, 8.10pm)

● The 300th anniversary of the Glorious Revolution is the cue for **Timewatch** (BBC2, 8.10pm) to look afresh at William of Orange and his motives for taking the English throne in 1688. In various forms of 20th-century transport — a Volvo estate, a Ford Sierra, a river boat — Peter France retraces William's 17th-century journey from Brixham, through Dorset and Wiltshire and into London. On each leg of the trip he picks up an historian for a couple of minutes of expert analysis. There are a lot of historians on the programme, including two from Leeds University. One academic could comfortably have handled the whole project but television gets neurotic about showing the same faces too often and too long. Apart from providing an admirably lucid account of a tangled story, the programme is concerned to set William's English adventure in a European-wide context. Seen in this light becoming King of England was not his priority, though he was anxious to secure the succession for his wife, Mary. In any case, he could not have foreseen that James II would conveniently abdicate and drop the crown into his hands. William's grander design was a European balance of power, achieved by an alliance against the might of France under Louis XIV. Getting the support of England was a vital element in this. Nor, despite William's current reputation as a sectarian hero (or villain) in Northern Ireland, was it simply a Protestant-Catholic divide. Among William's allies against Louis were Catholic Spain and Austria and even the Pope, demonstrating that, in the last resort, *realpolitik* will often transcend ideology.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)

News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am**

5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Walters' Weekly **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00am** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) and **VHF** stereo

4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** Ronnie Hilton **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn Down Under **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.30** Jim MacLeod's Scottish Dance Party **9.00** Listen To The Band **10.00** It's A Funny Business **10.30** Roy Jefferies **11.00** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00** Bill Rennells with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Development '88 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Business Matters 8.30 Just a Minute 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 How It All Began 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Smith and Son 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Development '88 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Business Matters 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 The Million Pound Radio Show 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Smith and Son 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Development '88 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Business Matters 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 The Million Pound Radio Show 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Celluloid Rock 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 News 8.09 The World Today 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Celluloid Rock 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Sportsworld Extra 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 The Million Pound Radio Show 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Society Today 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Back to Square One 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 648 News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Sibelius (Andante festivo: Gothenburg SO under Neeme Jarvi); Bach (Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565: Peter Hurford, organ); chausson (Viviane Op 5: Basle SO under Armin Jordan)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Tchaikovsky (Nutcracker Suite Op 71a: Montreal SO under Charles Dutoit); Poulenc (Airs chantés: Mady Mesplé, soprano, with Gabriel Tacchino, piano); Prokofiev (Dance from Romeo and Juliet, and Death of Tybalt: Cleveland Orchestra under Yoel Levi)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Berg. Adagio: Boston Symphony Chamber Players; Three excerpts from Wozzeck: LSO under Antal Dorati with Helga Pilarczyk (soprano); Waltz — Wine, Women and Song: Boston Symphony Chamber Players (Johann Strauss (son) arr Berg)

9.35 Haydn: Symphony No 48 in C (Maria Theresia): Berlin PO under Riccardo Muti

10.05 Mozart and Schumann: Audubon String Quartet perform Mozart's Quartet in E flat (K 428) and Schumann's Quartet in A minor, Op 41 No 1 (r)

11.00 Midweek Choice: Presented by Susan Sharpe. Bach (Triple Concerto in A minor, BWV 1044: English Concert directed by Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord, with Simon Standage, violin, and Lisa Beznosiuk, flute); Ginastera (Piano Sonata No 1: Terence Judd, piano); Puccini (La Rondine: LSO under Lorin Maazel with Kiri te Kanawa, soprano, and Placido Domingo, tenor); Edward German (Three Dances from Nell Gwyn: Pro Arte Orchestra under Malcolm Sargent); Mozart (Trio in G (K 564): Peter Frankl (piano), Gyorgy Pauk (violin) and Ralph Kirshbaum, cello); Giya Kancheli (Symphony No 6: Georgian State SO under Dzhansug Khakhidze) (r)

1.00 News

1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London. John York (piano) plays Bizet's Variations chromatiques; and Le Tombeau de Claude Debussy; Malipiero's Omaggio; Roussel's L'Accueil des muses; Dukas's La Plainte au loin du faune; Fall's Homenaje; Kodaly's Meditation on a motif of Debussy; and Poulenc's Theme varié

2.00 Record Review: Includes a comparison of recordings of Mozart's String Quintets in C (K 515) and in G minor (K 516) (r)

3.10 Vintage Years: André Navarra (cello) (1911-88). Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor: Paris Opera Orchestra under Emanuel Young); and Bloch (Schelomo: LSO under Richard Austin)

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Leeds Parish Church

5.00 Sonatas: by Sammartini played by Philip Pickett (recorder), Anthony Pleeth (cello) and David Roblou (harpsichord)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: A selection of music presented by Edward Blakeman

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear: Jonathan Steinberg chairs a discussion on a topical arts subject

7.30 Der Zerrissene (The Man Torn in Two): First UK broadcast of Gottfried von Einem's comic opera about rival lovers and mistaken identities (sung in German). Performed by Austrian Radio SO under Carlos Kalmar with Peter Jelosits (tenor), Herbert Prikopa (baritone), and Alfred Sramek (bass)

9.10 Twilight of the Gravitinos: Dr Carlos Frenk, Dr Bernard Carr and Dr Peter Smith talk to Colin Tudge about the mysteries of "dark matter" and explain why they think the future of the universe depends on their discovery of these invisible particles (r)

9.40 American Piano Music: Philip Mead plays Griffes's Roman Sketches Op 7; Stephen Montague's Paramell Va; and Charles Ives's The Alcotts (Sonata No 2), The Anti-Abolitionist Riots, and Some South-Paw Pitching!

10.20 Elliott Carter: To mark his 80th birthday next week, the first of six conversations between the composer and Charles Rosen (r)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Beethoven. Sonata in E Op 109; and Symphony No 4 in B flat (r)

12.00 News

12.05 Wolf 88: Dank des Paria: Peter Schreier (tenor) with Wolfgang Sawallisch (piano). Ends **12.10am.**

Profile of a legend in jazz, Charlie Parker (C4, 9.15pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today **11.50-11.55** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.20-11.50** European Sportscene **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.30-1.40** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **12.30am** Crazy Like a Fox **1.30** Soap **2.00** UFO **3.00** Everything But the Girl Concert **4.00** Quiz Night **4.30-5.00** Anglia Reports.

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** California Highways **1.30-1.40** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Basketball **3.00** Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.35pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.30-1.40** News **6.00-6.30** News **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Wrestling **2.20** Twilight Zone **2.45** Concert **3.45** Out of Limits **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-2.10** Country Ways **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **12.30am** Viewers' Choice **2.00** The Fugitive **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.30-1.40** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Baseball **3.00** Everything But the Girl Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.30-1.40** News **6.00-6.30** News **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Film: Voyage of the Damned **3.20** South American Soccer **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.30-1.40** Scotland Today **3.30-4.00** Gardening Time **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **11.10** Legwork **12.00** Short Story Theatre **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** Everything But the Girl Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.30-1.40** News **6.00-6.30** Today **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** Everything But the Girl Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sullivans **1.30** News **1.40-2.10** Coast to Coast People **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **12.30am** Viewers' Choice **2.00** The Fugitive **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Santa Barbara **1.30-1.40** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Baseball **3.00** Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

ULSTER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sons and Daughters **1.30-1.40** Newstime **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.30** Preview **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Baseball **3.00** Everything But the Girl Concert **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.30-1.40** News **6.00-6.30** Calendar **12.30am** Film: Rio Conchos **2.30** Quiz Night **3.00** WKRP in Cincinnati **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Ffalabalam **1.00** Open College **2.00** Crown and Shamrock **2.30** Guitarra **3.00** All Muck and Magic? **3.30** Redbrick **4.00** Cartoon Alphabet **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Hot Property **5.30** Cosby Show **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Smyrffs **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Huden A Moch Bach **7.30** Profi R Pethe **8.00** Hel Straeon **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Ffermio **9.25** Film: Oklahoma Kid" **10.55** Feller By The Name Of ... **11.40** 26 Bathrooms **12.15am** Late Shift **2.10** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **2.30pm** The Planets **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** House of Caradus **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** This is Your Life **7.30** Zero **8.00** Hotel **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Sing a Song **10.40** Bookside **11.10** The Equalizer **12.05am** News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Five With Forty **3.10** Flipper **3.35** Abracadabra **4.05** Return of the Antelope **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Real Ghostbusters **5.15** Look Around **5.25** International Youth Knockout **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Faces of Japan **8.30** No Comment **9.00** Golden Girls **9.30** Campaign **10.30** Network News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.35** Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**

5.55 Shipping Forecast

6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News, **6.55, 7.55** Weather, **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves whose birthday guest, Tim Rice, is interviewed by Radio 1 DJ Mike Read; plus Richard Carleton Hacker, an American expert on smoking pipes (s)

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from St Minver in Cornwall

10.30 Morning Story: Funny Things Families by Linda Leatherbarrow. Read by Daniel Webb (r)

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; The Wednesday Feature: Oranges and Lemmings. (see Choice)

11.47 Three Tales: Father Peter Lemass, who gave up his Dublin parish to be with the poor in Chile, talks to Trevor Williams about his experience

12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard

12.25 Crown House: A family saga set in the 1920s. With Gayle Hunnicutt, Jane Asher and Martin Jarvis. By Juliet Ace and Peter Ling (2) (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes the Australian cook Stephanie Alexander talking about how to put the pleasure back on to the British plate; and a discussion between Marina Vaizey and Anna Somers-Cox about the value of art — is it too highly-priced? Plus episode one of an 11-part serial by Margaret Mahy read by Peter Wickham

3.00 News; Spook and the General: Romantic comedy by Aubrey Woods. With Kate Binchy, Jane Wenham and Garard Green (s)

3.47 Time for Verse: Last of five conversations between George MacBeth and Spike Milligan (s)

4.00 News

4.05 File on 4: Helen Boaden reports on Bradford's town hall revolution (r)

4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Michael Berkeley talks to John Silkin, Richard Cork, Tim Cross and Ronald Blythe about the effect of the First World War on the arts (r)

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

6.30 Just A Minute! Humorous panel game played by Clement Freud, Derek Nimmo, Wendy Richard and Kenneth Williams (s) (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face The Facts: John Waite investigates companies, officialdom and bureaucracy on your behalf

7.45 Up The Garden Path by Sue Limb. Fourth instalment of an eight-part sequel to her novel. Starring Imelda Staunton (s) (r)

8.15 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts checks on the pulse of health care and reports on medical research findings (r)

8.45 America — The Movie: Last of a seven-part movie history narrated by Christopher Frayling (s) (r)

9.15 The Inwardness of War: Dominic Hibberd traces the development of poet Wilfred Owen's attitudes to the First World War. With David Michaels as the poet (r)

9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of two films, *The Lonely Passion of Miss Judith Hearne* (starring Maggie Smith and Bob Hoskins) and *Colors* (starring Sean Penn and Robert Duvall, directed by Dennis Hopper); plus a review of La La La Human Steps at Sadler's Wells and an interview with Glen Orwin about *Revenges of Nature* at Edinburgh's Fruitmarket Gallery

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Five short stories by L P Hartley (3) W.S. **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00**-For Schools: **11.00** Singing Together **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop **11.40** Listening and Reading **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner 2.5 WPFM **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time Deutsch fur die Oberstufe

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RADIO CHOICE

Ian Paisley gives his version of 1688's events (R4, 11.00am)

● **Oranges and Lemmings** (Radio 4, 11.00am) is Derek Wilson's sceptical contribution to the tercentenary celebrations of the 1688 "Glorious Revolution". Implicitly, he takes issue with Ian Paisley's ranted declaration that King Billy's invasion and James II's flight were nothing more than Protestants taking on papist tyranny and winning the battle. These, Paisley insists, are the undeniable facts of history. Wilson prefers to side with the Belfast university professor who concludes that the business of writing history is very different from celebrating it, but he stops short of endorsing Baron St John of Fawsley's argument that the Northern Ireland troubles — one of the long-term effects of the landings in Torbay and the Battle of the Boyne — are racial in basis (Scottish Irish v Irish Irish) rather than religious. Wilson himself projects the events of 1688 into the centre of the political arena. As the keystone of his structure of alliance against Louis XIV, he argues, William III needed England as much as England needed him. *Oranges and Lemmings* leaves us in no doubt about who the Oranges are, but he leaves it to the listener to decide who the lemmings are.

Peter Davalle

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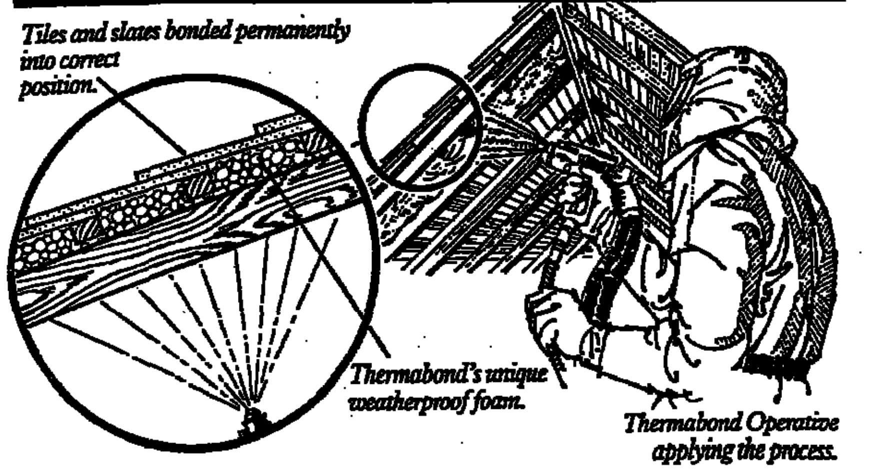

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Police to 'fire on crowds' in war

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Plans to police Britain in wartime include increasing police strengths by 50 per cent, possible internment of suspected subversives, and opening fire on crowds to quell serious disorder, according to a new study.

The research, by Stewart Kemp, one of a team of emergency planning officers covering South Yorkshire, is due to be published next week and draws on unrestricted published material, circulars and courses at the Home Office's Civil Defence College. The study looks at police plans for a crisis, a limited nuclear attack and a heavy nuclear attack.

Mr Kemp said: "I am not attempting to tell the police what they ought to be doing or not but set out what we believe the police will be doing".

Planners needed to have some idea of the police strategies.

Mr Kemp added: "Police operational plans are something the police do not share with the police authority let alone any outside agency".

Mr Kemp said he believed *present policy showed that* police faced with disorder in wartime might first use marksmen to open fire selectively and then resort to "full force firepower". He said: "I don't believe any of these options would be resorted to lightly".

The Home Office said the report appeared to be speculative. Guidance to local authorities said police peacetime responsibility was to maintain law and order and that would continue in *wartime.*

Subscriber TV attack

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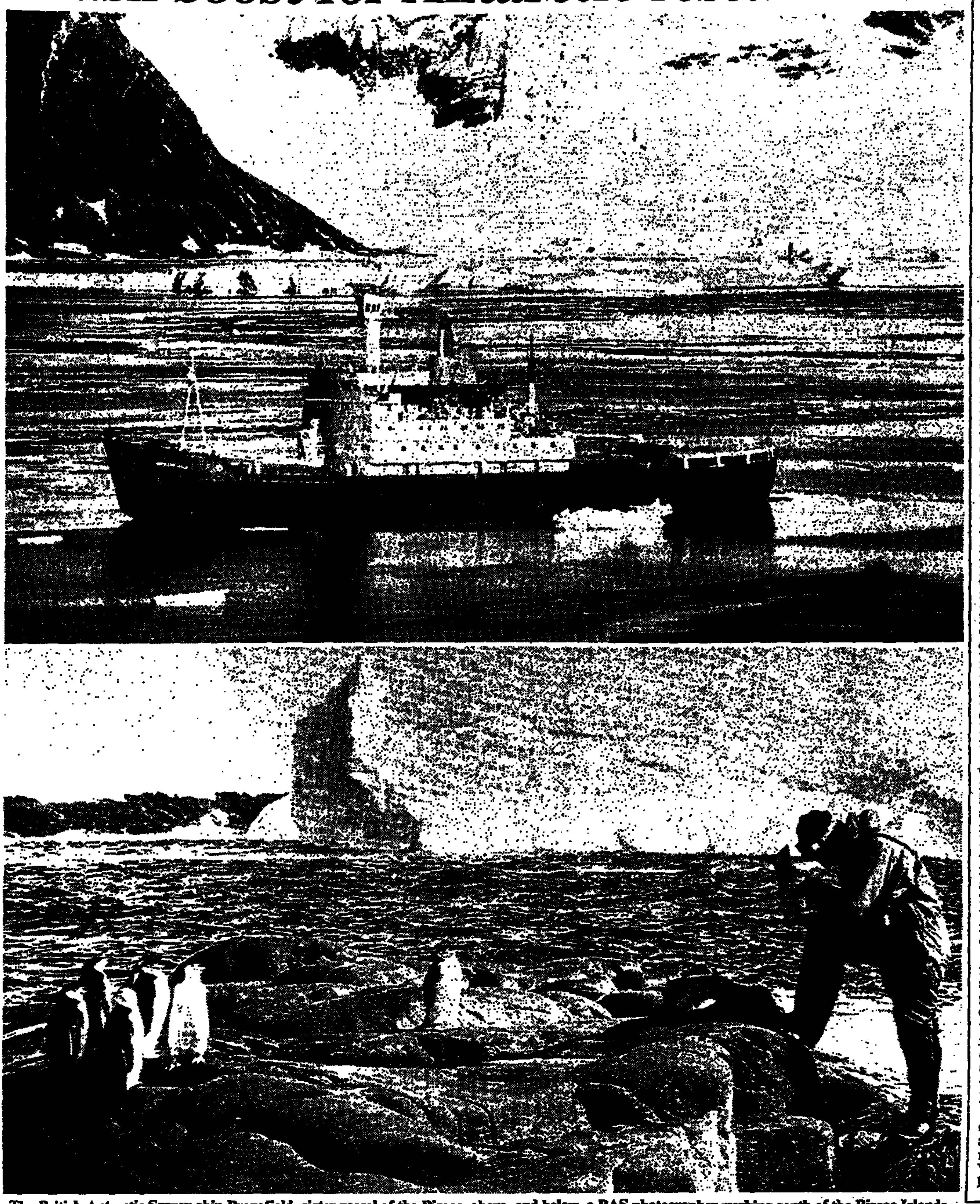
put their hands in their pockets every time they want to see a television programme is so remote from reality as to be hardly worth considering".

The proposals were based either on ignorance or, more sinisterly, they proceeded from a desire to demote a powerful and influential medium which occasionally criticized *government* "into a totally impotent medium". Mr Mark Fisher, Labour's arts spokesman, said subscription television would undermine public service broadcasting because it went to the root of universally available broadcasting. Mr Harry Conroy, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, said he was concerned that independent local radio would no longer be required to provide local news.

● *Charities and voluntary* organizations believe they will continue to be banned from television advertising when the IBA is dismantled under the proposals. They said yesterday that IBA proposals to allow charities to seek funds and volunteers would be lost or delayed if the authority was replaced.

Cash boost for Antarctic researchers



The British Antarctic Survey ship Bransfield, sister vessel of the Biscoe, above, and below, a BAS photographer working south of the Biscoe Islands.

By David Sapsted

A *big boost to British scientific* research in the Antarctic, involving *additional expenditure of £23 million* over the next three years, was announced yesterday by Education Secretary, Mr Kenneth Baker.

In a written Commons reply, he said the extra money would sustain the "oustanding" research being carried out by the British Antarctic Survey (BAS).

Part of the extra cash will go towards the complete rebuilding of the Halley base, most southerly of the five BAS stations and the centre for crucial work into the depletion of the earth's ozone layer.

It was essential, Mr Baker said, that the rebuilding went ahead speedily to ensure that work into atmospheric research at the base, whose buildings are threatened by a deterioration in the ice shelf, was uninterrupted.

A new, gravel airstrip is also to be laid at the largest British base, Rothera. Mr Baker said the new strip would allow aircraft to operate in poor weather.

Extra funding will amount to £10 million in *1989-90, £8* million the following year, and £5 million in *1991-92. The Government has also* earmarked £20 million for the replace*ment of an ageing* research vessel, the RRS John Biscoe.

Prof John Knill, chairman of the Natural Environment Research Council, said: "I am delighted with the strong and continuing support by the government for the BAS's excellent scientific programme."

The Biscoe is one of two BAS ships which have played a crucial part in the work which has put Britain at the forefront of research into depletion in the ozone layer and the "greenhouse effect".

Dr David Drewry, the BAS director, said: "We recognize that many of our facilities are inadequate to do some of the work which, in the long term, could prove essential for man's wellbeing."

● **ICI claim:** ICI, the British chemical company, yesterday *claimed* a world lead in the race to find alternatives to *chemicals which are now widely* believed to destroy the Earth's protective ozone layer (Robert Matthews writes).

The company has completed the construction of two pilot production plants near Widnes, and believes that it is now poised to dominate the huge world market for alternatives to the chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) used in aerosols, refrigerators and insulation. CFCs are generally considered to be responsible for the large hole in the ozone layer in the atmosphere over Antartica, discovered by British scientists in 1984. Ozone protects the earth from cancer-causing ultra-violet radiation.

Any alternative to CFCs must be *non-toxic, inflammable* and *relatively* stable.

In the late 1970s, after studies suggesting that CFCs may be environmentally *damaging,* ICI identified a possible alternative, known as HFC 134a, which does not contain ozone-killing chlorine.

Mr John Beckitt, business manager of ICI's fluorocarbons, said yesterday: "We have a lead, we believe, worldwide. There is no doubt that there is a race going on." He said ICI would commit £50 million to the programme over the next three years.

Political sketch

Last stand of the eye-check rebels

"Nice present for an eye-check rebel", *quipped* Michael Latham to the Minister *last* week, when he heard that his constituency was to get a new *police station.* Well watch out, smartypants. Mrs *Thatcher has* sunk warships. She is taking the closest *interest in* who the eye-check rebels were. She is perfectly capable of cancelling a police station in Oakham.

And *defeat* in the Lords would only have deepened *her fury,* so your sketch writer forewent Commons Education Questions (with Kenneth Baker) to attend that Debate. Other sketch writers have studied Mr Baker and asked "Is there basalt beneath the blancmange?" This sketch writer watched him answering his first question, then quit for the Lords. *Après nous le blancmange.*

Now we have all got over the "*It'll never* be the same without Willie" period (and nor will it), it is worth pointing out what an intelligently persuasive figure Lord Belstead cuts as Leader of the House. He is young and painfully deferential but this does not hide his intellectual command. *Lord Whitelaw* had what they call "bottom". *Lord Belstead* (if he will pardon the phrase) has no bottom at all. There are enough bottoms in the British Establishment. Heaven send more Belsteads.

He started with teeth. The Commons had pulled rank by invoking "financial privilege" on teeth — deeming this a fund-raising measure, and no business of the *Lords. But* Baroness Gardner of Parkes — *temporarily Britain's most* famous dentist — made her *speech anyway:* matter-of-fact and rational. She did not want charges. Nor (it seemed from later speeches) did any of the professional bodies.

Strings of initials were reeled off. Lord Ennals (once a Labour Health Minister) gasped with excitement as he enlarged the roll-call of professional men who — surprisingly — favoured the sending of trade their way, free, by *Government. Lord Diamond* was miffed that "Another Place" had pulled rank.

Then from the shadows came that wonderful voice — a little wearier but still unmistakably George Thomas: Viscount Tonypandy upholding his successor Speaker's rights of privilege. Lord Simon of Glaisdale lisped toothlessly through a speech he had to curtail when eyesight failed and then delighted all by self-mockingly denying any vested interests. A whole benchful of Bishops swayed in mirth.

Then Lord Belstead explained why the House *could* try to overrule the Commons on eye-checks — but advised that they should not. Standing by the Throne, by the gaunt Lord Grimmond, the chubby round face of Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health from the Commons, beamed like a cheeky cherub peeking over the shoulders of the saints. *Lord Ennals* made a speech that shook with righteous *indignation. A good speech.* It would have been even *better if one* could remember Lord Ennals, at any podium, *not* shaking with righteous indignation. Podia affect him that way.

Your sketch writer lapsed into a Shakespearean daydream: *The Seven Ages of an Unpopular Measure.* This one started, one mused, as an unwanted baby, mewling and puking in Nurse Currie's arms, carried from the Treasury *to the Department* of Health.

Thence it was taken by dismayed ministers, creeping like snails unwillingly to the Commons. Dame Jill Knight made a woeful ballad. But David Mellor, a young minister full of strange oaths, sudden and quick in quarrel, seeking the bubble reputation even in the cannon's mouth, fought back; while Kenneth *Clarke, in fair round* belly with good capon lin'd, played *his more conciliatory part* full of wise saws.

The sixth age shifts . . . into the Lords, where Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, in lean and slipper'd panataloon, with spectacles on nose, finds the brash new Thatcherite world too wide for his shrunk shank.

Last scene of all, that ends this strange eventful history, takes us into their Lordships' voting lobby, packed with aged peers hustled down to *London* to support tooth-and-eye-check charges . . . a *gnarled and squinting army* — sans teeth, sans eyes . . . , sans everything.

Matthew Parris

Tourists told to leave

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previous time were they asked to advise tourists to leave.

An Airlanka airlines representative said that there was likely to be chaos at the airport in the next few days as tourists sought seats on the few available aircraft. European tour operators have asked for charter planes to be sent immediately to ease the situation.

"We do not how to contact some of the tourists who are on round tours of the island, as some of the places have no telephone," one operator said.

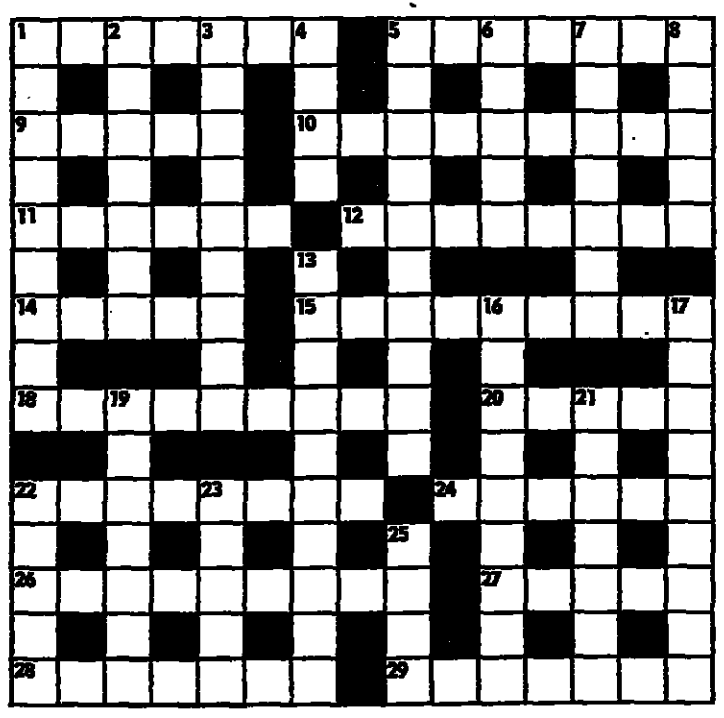
The notice to quit is a severe blow to Sri Lanka's tourist industry, which was only just recovering, with hotels reporting up to 100 per cent bookings in December, for the first time in five years.

A British High Commission spokesman said he did not know how many British tourists would be affected, but the picture might be clearer today.

The Sri Lankan Government announced in news bulletins last night that subversives intended to disrupt tomorrow's nomination procedure for the December 19 presidential elections.

It repeatedly warned that instructions had been issued for demonstrators to be shot on sight.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,822



ACROSS

1 Creature that's hit — a victim (7).
5 Caretaker rising after New Year's Day (7).
9 Lad is 12, we hear (5).
10 You want a different race to run — he'll give you 4 (9).
11 Kept artist imprisoned, in York, perhaps (6).
12 Bright companion given a verbal reprimand (8).
14 'ail from somewhere in Scotland (5).
15 Portable bed for Procrustes? (9).
18 Cooked tacky pies and trifle (5-4).
20 Mrs de Winter's not about to produce old instrument (5).
22 15 to see her in disarray (4-4).
24 From Warsaw he eloped like Daisy Bell (6).
26 A man used a movement sickeningly (2,7).
27 Could be active, say (5).
28 Payabout 60% extra for dance (7).
29 Man concealing weapon in clothing (7).

DOWN

1 Fail to keep a card and go down (4,5).
2 Drink — manual worker wants a litre (7).
3 Sailors in two shades of blue...(5,4).
4 ...follow up always a clue (4).
5 He ate with a finger bowl, the gardener, about 3 (4,6).
6 The present given finally and formerly (5).
7 The night before Epiphany, when the season opens (7).
8 Rustic sport winning the heart of Australians (5).
13 Mechanism temp can see working (10).
16 Venture across desert (5,4).
17 Remember about prayer (9).
19 City that rose from the ashes (7).
21 Worker to mark the shortest route (7).
22 Employees write notes on this (5).
23 Conclusions in pamphlet for you are better, more correct (5).
25 Sticks up for showing complacency (4).

Concise Crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

MUSICAL NOTES

By Philip Howard

BENDIX
a. An electric organ
b. A Danish composer
c. A make of trombone

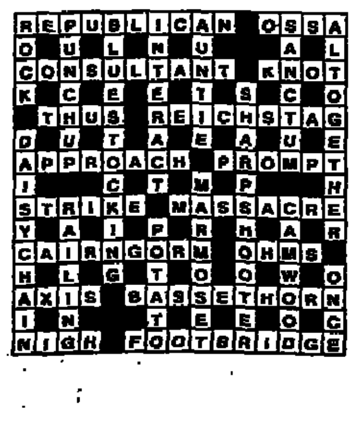
RANT
a. An old dance
b. A noisy recitative
c. A German opera singer

LORTZING
a. Burgher-minstrel singing
b. A diapason organ stop
c. Composer of comic opera

JEUNEHOMME
a. A Mozart piano concerto
b. A treble
c. A French composer

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,821



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WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a cloudy *start with outbreaks of rain, but* clearer weather will spread east. Much of England will start dry, apart from early showers *in east. Occasional rain will spread east during the day,* reaching the south-east by evening. Dry weather will follow. It will *be* warmer. *Outlook: Unsettled with rain at times.*

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	s	Luxor	31	88	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Madrid	15	59	d
Alex'dria	21	70	f	Majorca	22	72	f
Algiers	25	77	s	Malaga	19	66	c
Amst'dm	9	48	s	Malta	20	68	s
Athens	16	61	s	Melb'rne	24	75	f
Bahrain	29	84	s	Miami*	25	77	s
Barbads*	29	84	f	Milan	10	50	s
Barcelna	16	61	r	Montreal*	5	41	r
Belgrade	7	45	s	Munich	4	39	s
Bermuda*	25	77	c	Nairobi	23	73	c
Biarritz	23	73	f	Naples	16	61	s
Borde'x	18	64	f	N Delhi	29	84	s
Brussels	9	48	s	N York*	9	48	c
B Aires*	27	81	f	Nice	13	55	c
Cairo	23	73	s	Oslo	1	34	f
Cape Tn	19	66	f	Paris	5	41	c
C'blanca	25	77	f	Peking	15	59	s
Chicago*	7	45	s	Perth	19	66	c
Ch'church	20	68	s	Reykjvik	3	37	f
Cologne	10	50	s	Rhodes	17	63	s
C'phagn	2	36	s	Rio de J	24	75	f
Corfu	16	61	s	Riyadh	32	90	s
Dublin	9	48	r	Rome	14	57	c
Faro	20	68	c	Salzburg	4	39	s
Florence	16	61	f	S F'risco*	14	57	c
Frankfurt	8	46	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Funchal	20	68	f	Tenerife	24	75	f
Geneva	8	46	c	Tokyo	15	59	s
Gibraltar	19	66	c	Toronto*	6	43	c
Hong K	23	73	f	Tunis	24	75	s
Innsbrck	5	41	s	Valencia	19	66	s
Istanbul	9	48	f	Vanc'ver*	9	48	f
Jeddah	31	88	s	Venice	10	50	s
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Vienna	6	43	s
L Palmas	25	77	f	Wash'ton*	12	54	c
Le Tquet	5	41	c	Wel'nton	14	57	s
Lisbon	18	64	c	Zurich	5	41	c

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.20	6.8	1.33	6.8
Aberdeen	12.39	4.0	1.06	4.1
Avonmouth	6.46	12.4	7.00	12.6
Belfast	10.38	3.2	10.48	3.3
Cardiff	6.31	11.5	6.45	11.6
Devonport	5.23	5.4	5.39	5.3
Dover	10.35	6.4	10.55	6.4
Falmouth	4.53	5.2	5.09	5.1
Glasgow	12.01	4.6	12.37	4.3
Harwich	11.25	3.9	11.48	3.9
Holyhead	9.50	5.3	10.04	5.4
Hull	5.49	7.2	6.08	7.1
Ilfracombe	5.29	8.8	5.43	8.6
Leith	1.57	5.2	2.18	5.3
Liverpool	10.47	9.0	11.02	9.0
Lowestoft	8.50	2.4	9.27	2.4
Margate	11.33	4.6	11.56	4.7
Milford Haven	5.46	6.7	6.00	6.7
Newquay	4.37	6.7	4.51	6.7
Oban	5.22	3.9	5.21	4.0
Penzance	4.20	5.5	4.35	5.4
Portland	6.36	2.2	6.43	2.1
Portsmouth	11.00	4.6	11.18	4.5
Shoreham	10.41	5.9	10.59	5.8
Southampton	10.33	4.5	10.49	4.4
Swansea	5.51	9.2	6.05	9.2
Tees	3.03	5.2	3.24	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	11.19	4.1	11.40	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	1.0	-	9	48	bright
Bridlington	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Hunstanton	6.2	-	7	45	bright
Cromer	6.0	-	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	6.0	-	10	50	sunny
Clacton	-	-	9	48	fog
Southend	3.2	-	9	48	bright
Folkestone	6.1	-	10	50	sunny
Hastings	2.4	-	10	50	sunny
Eastbourne	4.6	-	10	50	bright
Brighton	3.1	-	10	50	sunny
Worthing	3.5	-	11	52	bright
Littlehmptn	2.7	-	12	54	bright
Bognor R	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Southsea	0.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Shanklin	2.4	-	11	52	bright
Falmouth	6.2	-	13	55	sunny
Penzance	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Newquay	6.4	-	13	55	sunny
Minehead	4.4	-	12	54	bright
Morecambe	4.2	.02	10	50	sunny
Douglas	2.4	.01	11	52	bright
Buxton	2.2	-	8	46	bright
Carlisle	4.5	.04	11	52	sunny
Leeds	0.2	.01	9	48	cloudy
Nottingham	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Anglesey	5.8	.02	13	55	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.8	-	14	57	sunny
Tenby	3.0	-	12	54	cloudy
Aberdeen	4.2	-	10	50	bright
Aviemore	5.1	-	11	52	bright
Eskdalemuir	-	.06	8	46	fog
Kinloss	6.3	-	12	54	sunny
Lerwick	0.5	.09	9	48	cloudy
Prestwick	2.9	.05	12	54	bright
Stornoway	0.9	-	11	52	bright
Tiree	1.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Wick	6.4	-	10	50	sunny

These are Monday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	23.10	21.70
Belgium Fr	69.40	65.90
Canada $	2.275	2.155
Denmark Kr	12.62	12.02
Finland Mkk	7.79	7.39
France Fr	11.18	10.58
Germany Dm	3.28	3.10
Greece Dr	277	257
Hong Kong $	14.30	13.55
Ireland Pt	1.228	1.168
Italy Lira	2450	2320
Japan Yen	237	221
Netherlands Gld	3.71	3.51
Norway Kr	12.21	11.61
Portugal Esc	271.75	257.75
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.30
Spain Pts	215.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.41	10.81
Switzerland Fr	2.755	2.595
USA $	1.855	1.76
Yugoslavia Dnr	10260	7700

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 108.4 (September)

London: The *FT* index closed 16.0 higher at 1481.0.

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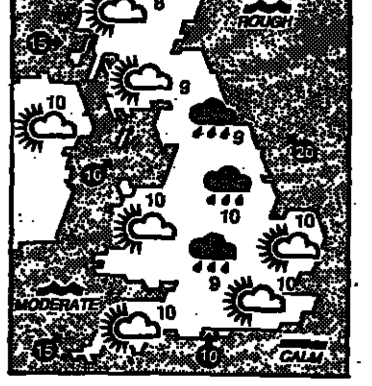

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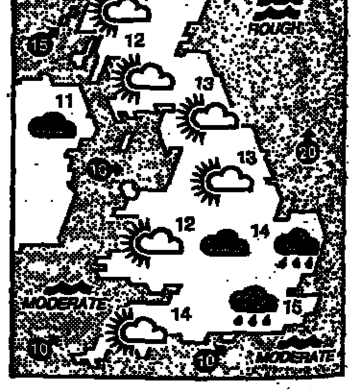

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1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9 (48); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3 (37). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.2 hrs.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Coningsby, Lincolnshire, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, Shetland, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 8.0hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.50 pm to 6.40 am
Bristol 5.00 pm to 6.50 am
Edinburgh 4.46 pm to 7.09 am
Manchester 4.51 pm to 6.56 am
Penzance 5.16 pm to 6.57 am

Sun rises: 7.09 am
Sun sets: 4.20 pm
Moon rises 7.16 am
Moon sets 3.41 pm
New Moon 2.20pm

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	f	Guernsey	12	54	f
B'rmgham	5	41	c	Inverness	12	54	s
Blackpool	7	45	s	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	9	48	c	London	6	43	c
Cardiff	9	48	c	M'nchster	8	46	s
Edinburgh	9	48	f	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	7	45	s	R'nldsway	8	46	s

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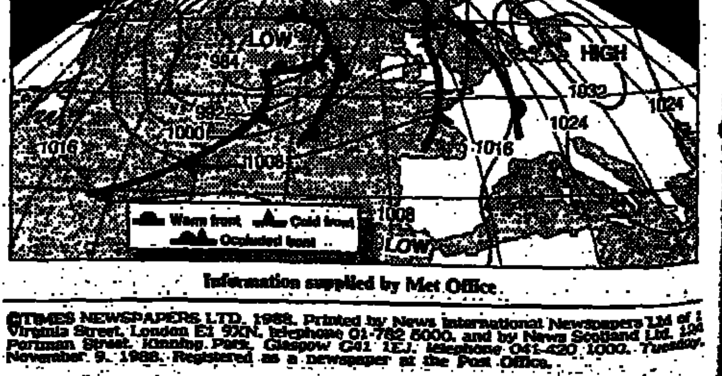

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1491.0 (+16.0)	US dollar 1.7700 (−0.0050)
FT-SE 100 1840.6 (+20.9)	W German mark 3.1700 (+0.0052)
USM (Datastream) 162.07 (+0.54)	Trade-weighted 76.7 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Rally adds £4bn to share value

Investors in London last night pinned their hopes on a victory for Vice-President George Bush in the US Presidential elections. Share prices were chased higher, enabling them to claw back much of the losses of the past few days and adding more than £4 billion to the value of public companies.

The FT-SE 100 index closed up 20.9 at 1,840.6. The narrower index of top 30 shares advanced 16 to 1,491.0.

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Charter ahead

Charter Consolidated and associated companies raced ahead after Monday's boardroom shake-up in which Sir Michael Edwardes, of Minorco, became Charter's chairman.

Charter, in which Minorco has a 36 per cent stake, rose 24p to 481p; Johnson Matthey, in which Charter has 38 per cent, rose 12½p to 392p; and Cape Industries, 74 per cent held by Charter, rose 17p to 176p.

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Profits slump

Henderson Administration's pre-tax profits dropped 72 per cent in the six months to September 30, from £15.1 million to £4.2 million. Revenue fell £15 million to £17.8 million. **Tempus, page 26**

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2130.69 (+6.05)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28007.27 (+140.91)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2587.02 (+20.00)
Amsterdam: Gen	280.5 (+1.3)
Sydney: AO	1562.7 (+5.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1605.2 (+14.9)
Brussels:	
General	5367.8 (+3.7)
Paris: CAC	393.3 (−3.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen	504.7 (+7.7)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	961.04 (+9.46)
FT.— "500"	1048.09 (+10.9)
FT. Gold Mines	174.8 (+0.8)
FT. Fixed Interest	97.39 (−0.04)
FT. Govt Secs	88.19 (−0.40)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Central TV	594p (+26p)
LWT Holdings	192½p (+12p)
Thames TV	416p (+18p)
Tyne Tees TV	332p (+12p)
HTV Group	296p (+17p)
Jaguar	277p (+19p)
Amersham	567p (+17p)
Bass	815½p (+13p)
First Leisure	160p (+10p)
Pochins	855p (+10p)
Booker	405p (+10p)
Charter Cons	481p (+24p)
Cape Inds	175½p (+17p)
Granada	340½p (+14½p)
Chemring	657½p (+10p)
Booth Inds	114½p (+11p)
LASMO	503½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Parrish	110p (−55p)
Henderson Admin	630p (−40p)
RHM	367½p (−8p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	23502
SEAQ Volume	502.8m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 12⁹⁄₁₆-12⅜%
3-month eligible bills:11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8⁵⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.53-7.52%*
30-year bonds 101³¹⁄₃₂-102*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7700	£: $1.7705*
£: DM3.1700	$: DM1.7885*
£: SwFr2.6600	$: SwFr1.5012*
£: FFr10.8100	$: FFr6.1025*
£: Yen222.31	$: Yen125.52*
£: Index:76.7	$: Index:95.7
ECU £0.654430	SDR £0.755365

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $421.85 pm-$418.35
close $418.25-418.75 (£236.50-237.00)
New York:
Comex $419.00-419.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $12.80bbl ($13.00)
* Denotes latest trading price

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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: the broadcasting White Paper helped TV stocks, gainers included Central (03094) up 26p, HTV (02724) up 17p, LWT (01215) up 9p and Thames (02011) up 16p; Chartered Consolidated (03253) was boosted 20p after a management shake-up; Jaguar (01127) raced ahead 11p on favourable comment.
- Recent additions include; SWP Group 03477; Noble Raredon 03478; Racal 03479.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Banham urges 15% trigger point for bids

By Colin Narbrough

A call for urgent action to halt the wholesale takeover of British industry by foreign predators — including lowering the trigger point for full bids to 15 per cent from 30 per cent — came from Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry yesterday.

"The acquisition process must be slowed down and made more open, so that the markets can take a more considered view in the light of all the relevant facts," he said.

His proposals, spelled out in a closing address to the CBI National Conference at Torquay, also called for bidders to be required to issue a full prospectus on their plans for target companies, particularly in contested bids for companies with a marked regional presence.

Companies should also be able to postpone voting rights in shares acquired during a bid period — a disincentive to arbitrageurs — and at least two-thirds of registered shareholders should be required to vote at an extraordinary general meeting to accept an offer.

Companies should also be able to offer a "golden share" to their pension funds as an alternative to going private, a management buyout or other poison pill arrangements. This would give the independent trustees the opportunity to determine where the longer-term interests of their beneficiaries lie. Once a bid has failed, the predator would be required to divest itself of enough shares to bring its holding below the bid threshold and would not be able to make a fresh bid for three years.

Mr Banham said his proposals, which would not require fresh legislation, were not intended to distort the market but to make it work more effectively.

He stressed that in spite of the mounting pressure on Britain from non-European companies seeking a foothold in Europe ahead of 1992 "we must remain the most open market in Europe."

There would be difficulties trying to change the way takeovers operated, but industry could not afford the luxury of doing nothing and acting as the "pall-bearers at our own funeral."

Mr Banham's call did not reflect only CBI members' alarm about foreign takeovers. Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, raised the matter at the last meeting of the National Economic Development Council.

The CBI's Competition Committee will review the takeover practice question urgently and formal proposals are expected next spring.

Mr Banham said now was the time for British industry to invest in success, not to reinforce the get-rich-quick attitude bred by decades of failure.

In the present situation where Britain is the main port of call for non-European predators, Mr Banham saw the outcome as inevitable: "Whenever the price is even vaguely respectable control of company after company will fall to owners not just outside these islands, but outside the Community."

Cautioning against falling into the trap of protectionism, he said British industry had to seek "no more than a level playing field with a groundsman sensitive to the needs of the home team."

Mr Banham, who received a standing ovation for his speech, saw the greatest risk at present in investors failing to appreciate the extent of the turnround in British manufacturing, leaving the "grab-it-while-you-can" mentality in place.

"Ownership and speculation are dangerously close to becoming the same thing."

CBI NATIONAL CONFERENCE 88

Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Post Office and former chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, is to lead a CBI inquiry into the skills gap. It is hoped its report and recommendations on ways of improving vocational education and training will come before next year's conference in Harrogate.

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Clowes liquidators want to set up £5m 'fighting fund'

By Lawrence Lever

Liquidators of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the UK end of the crashed investment group, want to set up a £5 million fighting fund which may be used to sue accountancy firms and bankers involved with Barlow Clowes.

The purpose of any legal proceedings would be to recover money for investors, who are expected to receive at least 75 per cent of their money back from the UK operations of Barlow Clowes.

The fund may be used by the liquidators — Cork Gully and Ernst & Whinney — to sue Spicer and Oppenheim and Touche Ross, which at various times were auditors to BCGM.

The conduct of both of these firms is already being scrutinized in an inquiry conducted by their own professional body, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

It has also emerged that Midland Bank may find itself the target of legal action taken by the liquidators.

A special report prepared by the liquidators estimates that several million pounds of investors' money was intermingled between the UK and offshore ends, simply by transferring it between two Barlow Clowes accounts which were both held at Midland Bank at 5 Threadneedle Street, in the City.

In fact, any claim against Midland may be brought by the liquidators of Barlow Clowes International, the offshore arm. This is because investors in BCI appear to have lost out to the tune of £6 million from the intermingling of funds.

The liquidators' report has been prepared to help the High Court decide on the most appropriate distribution of approximately £52 million which is held by the liquidators of BCGM.

A preliminary hearing is due to take place in the High Court on Friday. This is aimed at obtaining the court's recognition of the different categories of BCGM investor as set out by the liquidators.

Copies of the report can be viewed by BCGM investors at any offices of Cork Gully, Ernst & Whinney or Coopers & Lybrand.

GrandMet 'poised to win'

By Bailey Morris and Michael Clark

Mr Allen Sheppard, chairman of Grand Metropolitan, was playing a game of brinkmanship last night in his $5.23 billion (£2.95 billion) battle for control of Pillsbury, the US food group.

Dealers on both sides of the Atlantic were convinced GrandMet had almost won. As the midnight deadline, New York time, for the opening offer drew nearer, Pillsbury's share price slipped to $58¼ against GrandMet's offer of $60 a share.

Mr Sheppard was yesterday debating whether to extend or lower the offer. He said he was having trouble justifying the offer after the weak restructuring plan offered by Pillsbury to fight the bid and the poor response it received on Wall Street. He said he thought he should be moving "closer to $55 than to $65 a share."

GrandMet's attorneys filed a brief in a Delaware court, asking it to reconsider its decision to uphold Pillsbury's "poison pill" defence.

This had prevented GrandMet from buying Pillsbury shares even though millions have been tendered. At the close of markets on Monday, more than 8.2 million of the 85 million outstanding shares had been tendered and many more were proferred yesterday, although the actual count was not available.

GrandMet said attorneys had requested the court to render another opinion in light of Pillsbury's restructuring plan, which called for the spin-off of its Burger King division into a separate public company. "We think Pillsbury's announcement of the Burger King spin-off is a key to this case," the spokeswoman said.

Shares rise on 23% jump in half-time profits

Successful cost control: Sir John Sainsbury at the group's London headquarters yesterday (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Sainsbury surprises with £186m

By Alexandra Jackson

J Sainsbury, the supermarket chain, bucked the trend of disappointing retailing results with better-than-expected interim pre-tax profits, up 23 per cent from £151 million to £186.4 million. The shares rose from 200p to 204½p.

Group turnover increased from £2.4 billion to £3.1 billion, including a £437 million contribution from Shaw's, the US company which has moved up from associate to subsidiary status.

The interim dividend rises by 20 per cent from 1.25p to 1.5p to match the higher earnings per share, up from 6.75p to 8.1p. The domestic retailing business showed the best performance, with profits up 21 per cent from £140.4 million to £169.4 million, on sales 12 per cent higher at £2.6 billion. Net retail margins rose from 5.96 to 6.45 per cent.

Sir John Sainsbury, the chairman, said: "We were more successful than we had expected in controlling costs while the mix of the business now includes a higher proportion of higher margin fresh produce."

Stripping out inflation and new store openings, however, Sir John acknowledged that underlying growth from existing stores was only slightly ahead of this time last year. However, he said market share had risen from 10.6 to the 10.9 per cent.

Sir John remained optimistic about the group's prospects. "We have had a period when trade has not been buoyant but we have done well, with earnings growth twice the industry average. As the competition gets better so we will also have to get better."

Sainsbury opened five supermarkets during the half year and is planning a further 14 openings in the second half. This will take the total number of British food retailing outlets to 291 by the year-end, covering 5.9 million sq ft of selling space.

Sir John dismissed suggestions that the market was saturated. "We have identified 165 prospective sites," he said. "We have an ongoing development plan so in a couple of years' time we will probably still have over 150 opportunities in mind."

Sainsbury has raised £50 million through the sale and lease-back of existing outlets and plans to raise the same again in the second half. It has a capital expenditure programme costing £500 million a year, half of which is for new stores. **Tempus, page 26**

BSPF sale fuels talk of London Shop bid

By Cliff Feltham

A takeover bid for London Shop, the retail property company, looked imminent last night after its largest shareholder, the British Steel Pension Fund, sold its 20 per cent stake to Peel Holdings, the edge-of-town shopping developer.

Mr Peter Scott, managing director of Peel, declined to say whether Peel was considering a bid for London Shop.

The stake, which cost almost £36 million, lifts Peel's holding in London Shop to 21.19 per cent. London Shop, now valued at about £270 million, saw its shares leap 30p to 296p.

British Steel Pension Fund has been unhappy at London Shop's diversification from retail property into commercial and industrial property.

Mr John Bushell, the chairman of London Shop, said: "Our other shareholders all seemed happy at the policy we have been carrying out. We have had no contact from Peel but we think we have an excellent record and good growth prospects. Why the heck should we let someone come along and pinch the fruits of our labour ?"

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Property group buys Owen Owen

By Geoffrey Foster

Mr Philip Birch, chairman of Ward White, the Halfords-to-Payless and AG Stanley do-it-yourself group, will today announce the sale of Owen Owen, the department stores chain, to London & Edinburgh Trust, the fast-expanding property company run by the Beckwith brothers, in a £75 million deal.

Mr Birch paid £50 million for Owen Owen, with 21 stores from Richmond to Liverpool, in 1985 when Ward White emerged as a "white knight" to thwart an unwelcome bid from Clayform, but it has been a disappointing performer for him ever since.

Owen Owen has been on the market for months with Mr Birch said to be holding out for at least £75 million. Many analysts thought that he would postpone the sale until after the Christmas period, but the Beckwith offer was too good to refuse.

London & Edinburgh, which has a one-third interest in the Spitalfields development in London and recently acquired the British Telecom building on Wood Street in the City, will be looking to redevelop Owen Owen's prime sites.

Shares of Ward White last night moved up 6p.

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Asset sales fuel speculation over Australian's intentions

Alan Bond retains his licence to thrill

By John Bell, City Editor

If ever Alan Bond adopts a company motto, it would surely have to be Frank Sinatra's epic line, "I did it my way." After an abortive exchange of letters with Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, boss of Lonrho, the mercurial Australian jetted out of London bound for New York, stopping only to order a sale of further assets in order to finance his latest corporate ambitions.

Mr Bond, a British-born emigrant to Australia, has adopted many roles in his time. A one-time signwriter who now happens to be the world's fourth-largest brewer, his methods, though, are certainly not straight from the pages of a Harvard Business School textbook.

If pressed, even close associates of Mr Bond admit that they have no idea exactly what his immediate objectives are. Hence the opinion of a leading Australian investment banker that: "He is like a garden hose turned on full pressure without anyone holding the nozzle." Whatever the original game plan behind Mr Bond's purchases of share stakes in Standard Chartered Bank, the M&G financial services group, TV-am and ITC, the film and television production company, they are now either sold or are up for sale, having served their purposes. More probably, though, Mr Bond has moved his corporate goalposts yet again.

He remains on the board of TV-am, yet his advisers are openly canvassing buyers for a 14.9 per cent in the company. However, secure in the knowledge that the Independent Broadcasting Authority, sentenced to death by Douglas Hurd on Monday, will flex whatever muscle it has left to prevent a hostile takeover, the television company is adopting a relaxed posture.

Mr Bond's 10 per cent holding in Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banker, and the 31 per cent stake in insurance broker Dewey Warren also have the "for sale" notice over them. The City has so far clung to the knee-jerk line that the disposals are a clearing of the decks in order for Mr Bond to mount raids on Lonrho and Allied-Lyons, where Bond Corporation, his company, controls an 11 per cent stake.

But when asked how the Australian hopes to finance such mammoth outlays, there is usually an embarrassed silence. If pressed, proponents of the mega-bid theory say that Mr Bond hopes to persuade Mr Rowland into a friendly merger, followed by a joint attack on Allied-Lyons.

Anyone who has spent more than a few moments in the company of the towering ego which runs Lonrho will realise that this prospect is about as workable as a merger between a spider and a fly.

Lonrho, though, is happy to play along with the idea that it is "in play". Yesterday's appointment of extra advisers Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, and Charterhouse, the merchant bank, keep the pot and the share price bubbling. The enigmatic Mr Bond may have 20 per cent of Lonrho's shares, but whether he is willing — or able — to finance a full-scale bid is another matter.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sherwood buys into swimwear market

Sherwood, the lingerie and children's wear manufacturer, is buying a bra and swimwear maker from Coats Viyella. Richard Cooper, based in Buxton, makes own-label lingerie for chain stores such as BHS, with a staff of 110 in a 16,000 sq ft factory. It will become part of Debfor, Sherwood's manufacturing arm.

The price, reached via a sealed bid against two other putative purchasers, will be disclosed on completion next month. The consideration is below £1 million, and Mr David Parker, Sherwood's chairman, said the company was making a small profit. The purchase will give Sherwood the entry into swimwear it has been seeking since it joined the USM in 1986.

Stirling slips to £1.5m

Stirling Group, the Manchester clothing company, saw first-half pre-tax profits slip from £1.8 million to £1.5 million. Sales were virtually unchanged at slightly more than £19 million. The company blamed the setback on the cost of buying two factories. An *unchanged interim* dividend of 0.5p a share was declared. On the stock market the shares fell 2p to 61p.

Newmarket invests in US

Newmarket Venture Capital, which is gaining a listing on the stock market, has invested $600,000 (£337,000) in US businesses. The companies are Integrated CMOS Systems, a software firm; Dastek International, which supplies equipment to *disk drive manufacturers;* and Photon Dynamics, which develops instrumentation systems.

GEI interim up 22%

GEI International, the packaging machinery and engineering products group, has declared pre-tax profits up 22 per cent, from £2 million to £2.5 million, for the six months to end-September. Earnings per share rose 26 per cent, to 4.22p (3.34p).

Mr Thomas Kenny, the chairman, said the companies in the group were enjoying record orders at present. The search for acquisitions was continuing, he added, with the group well-placed to make a purchase in the special engineering sector. The board has declared an interim dividend of 2.14p, against 1.94p.

Bridge Oil to sell diamond

Bridge Oil, the Sydney exploration group, is inviting tenders for a 181.77-carat gem diamond found at its Aredor mine in Guinea, West Africa. The stone is "D" colour and of high quality, and is being examined by interested parties in Europe. Previous gem finds at Aredor include a 100.3-carat and a 143-carat stone.

Norex sinks into loss

Norex, the former Common Brothers shipping operation now moving further into insurance broking, lost £473,000 before tax in the year to end-March, against a comparable restated profit of £1.58 million. There is no dividend. The loss followed a £1.1 million deficit at Bermuda Star Line, which is 59-per-cent owned by Norex.

TEMPUS

Sainsbury rises above dull sales

There seems to be no stopping Sainsbury's. Despite dull like-for-like sales growth from the group's domestic food retailing operations of a mere 1 per cent, operating profits from these activities jumped 26 per cent.

New space, ever tighter controls of operating costs and a changing mix of business were important factors. But the advance was achieved against a background of wage increases in excess of inflation and a well-advanced programme of installing scanning equipment which has already yielded substantial benefits.

Next year will be even harder work, especially if consumer spending slows. Although the food retailing market is traditionally defensive — people apparently console themselves for not buying a new hi-fi system by having smoked salmon for supper — a prolonged downturn would inevitably have an effect. Indeed, now the range of food available is greater, so is the scope for trading down.

Yet Sainsbury has shown itself well able to produce sound earnings growth in good and bad times alike and remains optimistic about its expansion potential. Meanwhile, the smaller Sainsbury businesses, Homebase, Savacentre and the US retailing operations are beginning to make their presence felt.

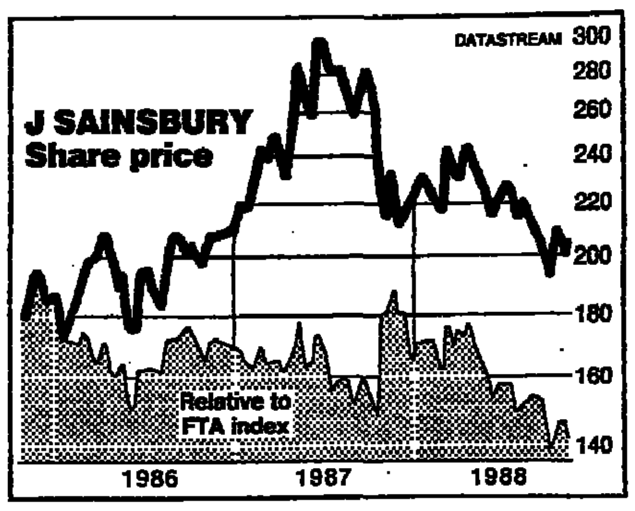
Homebase had a good summer. It is unaffected as yet by early signs that the long awaited downturn in demand for do-it-yourself goods may be on the horizon. The expansion of Savacentre is being stepped up as should its profitability.

Overseas, Sainsbury's foothold in the United States is proving firm although the cost of winning market share and integrating newly acquired businesses is having a short-term effect on profitability.

A sale and lease back programme should raise about £100 million and would see gearing slightly up at 40 per cent by the year end, despite a capital expenditure programme of £500 million.

The 23 per cent uplift in half-year pretax profits to £186.4 million may not quite be matched at the full-year stage. But City experts are forecasting pre-tax profits of at least £362 million including property profits, to give 16p of earnings per share — up at least 18 per cent. The shares held up well in the immediate aftermath of the market crash but have lagged sector and market since.

Yesterday's figures should do something to restore investors' confidence so the shares could regain some of their premium rating to the sector. However, although the underlying quality of Sainsbury's business is as sound as its products, it is less certain whether the shares will outperform the index.



Yale and Valor

Locking up the home and providing a range of comforts within it brings secure profits for Yale and Valor.

Even though latest interim results for the six months ended September 30 take in different accounting periods for the acquisitions in June 1987 of Yale and NuTone in the US, the overall rate of growth is at the top end of expectations.

Pre-tax profits turn out at £21.6 million against £12.1 million (with a full six months from US operations in the latest period compared with only three months' contribution a year ago), on a turnover up by 38 per cent at £168.8 million.

Earlier doubts that there might be earnings dilution because of the US deal must now be dispelled. Fully diluted earnings per share grew in the latest period by 14.9 per cent and there is little reason why year-on-year growth at comparable levels in earnings per share should not continue.

Demand for core products remains strong in all markets and the group remains active on the acquisition front. Last week, Elsy and Gibbons, the copper water tanks business previously owned by BICC, was bought for £6 million cash. Other add-on acquisitions are bound to follow.

Yale and Valor currently has borrowings of under £50 million. But helped by a strong cash flow in the second half this level should be reduced to about £20 million by the year-end. So there is sufficient muscle to move when the next acquisition opportunity comes along.

Year-end profits look set for *the £48.5 million mark* to put the shares at 351p on a prospective rating of 12.3.

But if there is attraction in the shares because of organic growth prospects and the glamour of brand names, there is also attraction because the acquisitive Williams Holdings group is sitting with a 4 per cent stake, and Ingersoll Rand has a 3 per cent stake.

Yale and Valor should prove a rewarding medium-term lock up.

Henderson Administration

Henderson Administration's dismal half-year result was like cold water thrown in shareholders' faces. The stock market was so bewildered the dealing spread widened to about 20p but no overall fall took place.

With its shares at between 625p and 645p, Henderson is therefore on a highly speculative p/e of more than 20. The market presumably thinks Henderson would welcome a bid from some institutions which could provide the outlets to sell its all-important unit trusts. Yet Henderson has always made a point of its independence and will almost certainly try to ride out the bad times on its own.

The shares, therefore, look set to fall although there will be some support because of the maintained 20p final dividend. With substantial cash reserves, the company can afford to keep its word on this.

The £4.2 million pretax profit, at the very bottom of expectations, reflects the company's heavy reliance on unit trust business. This kept it riding high in the bull market and has pulled it up short since the crash. Because the margins on its growing pension fund business are so woefully small, the profit almost all has to come from unit trusts. And Henderson has been virtually unable to sell them.

While redemptions have not been particularly heavy, no extra sales means no extra front-end fees. And that means a big hole in profits. There is no reason to assume much will change in the second half of the year.

The bright spot was that the company has managed to slash £4 million off expenses. The key to the full-year result, and next year's performance, is in whether Henderson can go much further along this painful road by cutting its operating costs still more. Hardly an invitation to buy.

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(Issue price in brackets).

Life Sciences International pays $23.5m for Savant

By Michael Tate

Life Sciences International, the laboratory equipment group, is paying $23.5 million (£13.3 million) for Savant Instruments, the American scientific instruments manufacturer.

Savant, geared towards the international research laboratory market, has a product range which complements that of Forma Scientific, LSI's leading US offshoot.

It claims to have a strong position in the US and an important presence in export markets.

Savant is owned by Rodale Electronics Corp, which for tax reasons will assign its other interests to another company, leaving Savant as its only asset. Rodale will then be acquired by LSI.

Bland: gearing should fall

In the year to end-May Savant made operating profits of $300,000 against $2.1 million previously, on sales of $10.6 million against $7.2 million. Net assets of Savant at May 31 were $2.6 million.

Completion depends on "the satisfactory conclusion of further investigations in respect of the assets and liabilities transferred out of Rodale," and the green light from the US authorities, including the Defense Department.

The deal will be financed by a seven-year variable rate dollar loan facility, arranged by Robert Fleming. The first repayment is due in April 1991. It will raise LSI's gearing to about 65 per cent, but interest payments will still be covered several times by profits, says *Mr Christopher Bland,* the chairman, also of London Weekend Television, and he expects the level of gearing to be reduced by the year-end.

NI reform options unveiled

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Researchers at the Institute for Fiscal Studies have put forward proposals for simplifying the structure of National Insurance contributions.

Supported by the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, Mr Andrew Dilnot and Mr Steven Webb have identified four options which would remove the very high rates of tax faced by low-paid workers at certain points on the earnings scale under the present structure of NICs. All *involve converting the present* threshold for contributions into an allowance.

Instead of paying NICs on total earnings once they go above the lower earnings limit of £41 a week, workers would pay only on the excess above that limit as with the personal allowance for income tax.

The revenue cost of this change is reduced by setting a higher rate of 14.75 per cent between the lower earnings limit and the point at which the standard 9 per cent employee NIC begins, now £105.

More expensive options which avoid losers include increasing the allowance, or starting point; a lower rate between the starting point and £105; and a single rate of 10.4 per cent between the lower earnings limit and the upper earnings limit of £305.

JM expands with two buys for £21m

By Our City Staff

Johnson Matthey, the specialist metals group streamlined after its 1984 banking crisis, is making two cash purchases in North America.

JM is buying for Can$40 million (£18.1 million) the advanced electronic materials business of Cominco, and the Alfa Catalog Chemicals business of Morton-Thiokol for between $4 million and $5 million (£2.8 million).

Mr Eugene Anderson, JM's chief executive, says the cash acquisitions are evidence of Johnson Matthey's improved finances and demonstrate its longer term plan to grow by acquisition.

The Cominco business, which employs 300 people, had operating profits for the year ended December 1987 of Can$4 million.

COMPANY BRIEFS

HEALTH CARE SERV (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.371 (£0.498)m
EPS: 1.7p (2.5p)
Div: 0.3p (0.3p)

The downturn in Medic Int, together with the cost of new premises and the increase in interest rates, has had an adverse effect on results.

LON AMER VENT TST (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.263m Loss
EPS: 0.20p Loss (0.48p)
NAV: 71.3p (82.6p)

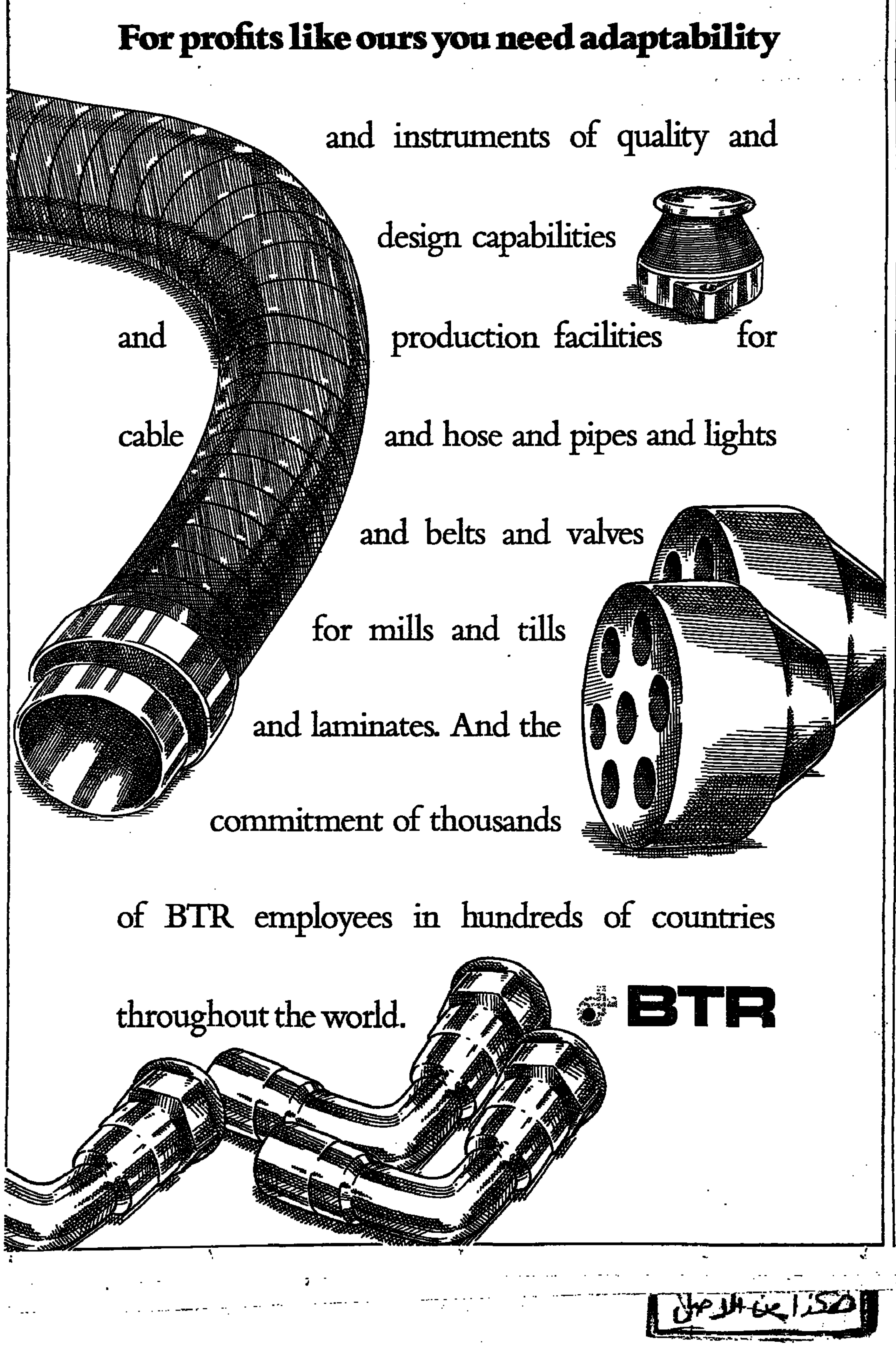
Company is now virtually fully invested with 86 per cent of total assets represented by the 'New' venture portfolio.

CAP GEARING TST (Int)
Pre-tax: £4,250 Loss
EPS: 0.80p Loss (0.21p)
NAV: 196.6p (232.0p)

Company says that the larger part of its income accrues in the second half of the year. Full dividend is expected to match that of last year.

AMBROSE INV TST (Int)
Pre-tax: n/a
EPS: 6.58p (6.63p)
Div: 4.68p (4.38p)

Net revenue for six months to the end of September was £0.468m against £0.470m for the same period last year.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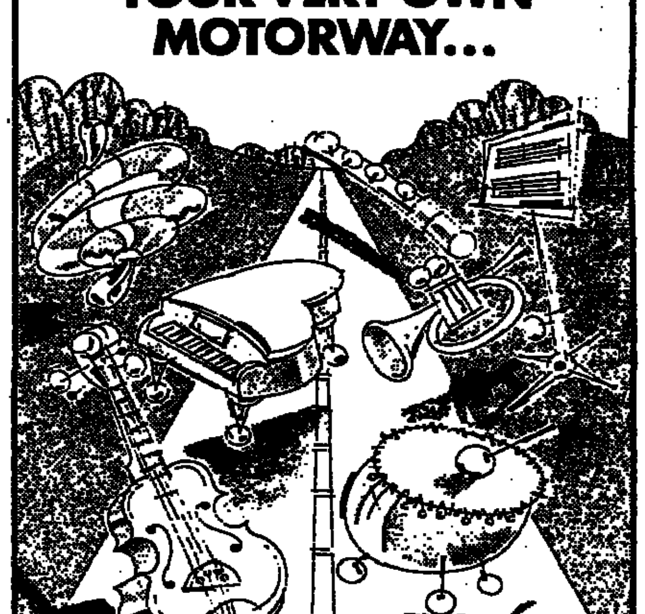

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Parrish share price slumps as heavy losses continue

By John Bell, City Editor

Shares of Parrish, the stockbroker, dropped 75p on news of further heavy losses, wiping out 45 per cent of the firm's market value. Parrish, which specializes in private client business, turned in a pre-tax loss of £2.14 million on turnover of just £3.98 million.

The firm expanded rapidly last year on the back of the booming markets which came to an end in the October crash. In the heady days of last summer Parrish shares soared to close on £8 giving it a stock market value of more than £50 million. After yesterday's fall to 90p, the shares recovered slightly to 105p giving the group a capitalization of about £9 million.

In the aftermath of Black Monday, Parrish saw a first-half profit of almost £1 million reversed into a loss for the year to end-January of £1.6 million.

Further losses caused mainly by sharply reduced share-trading turnover early in the current year threatened to wipe out the firm's net worth of £750,000. But a £5 million rights issue at 220p saved the day last March.

Mr Peter Bainbridge, the chief executive who moved in to revamp Parrish with his former Mercantile House colleague Mr Keith Hughesdon, tells shareholders that the worst effects of the October crash are behind the group. He pointed out that the loss for the six months to July showed an encouraging reduction in the £2.6 million loss reported in the second half of last year.

The current year losses include a further provision of £400,000, making a total of £1.5 million set aside against bad or doubtful debts arising from the 1987 market collapse.

Overhead costs have been heavily cut and Mr Bainbridge declares that his faith in the future is firm. The group is unlikely to return to profit in the current year, but the bulk of the heavy expenditure involved in setting up in new London premises, absorbing the private client business of SBCI Savory Milln and HJ Garratt and compliance with the new financial services legislation are largely over. Mr Bainbridge and Mr Hughesdon, the chairman, have firmly resisted making staff cuts to trim overheads.

"We have no borrowings and have increased market share and the average size of our bargains since the start of the year. We expect the low level of Stock Exchange turnover to improve steadily over the next 12 months.

"It is difficult for agency brokers to ignore the relative attractions of high interest rates for their clients. But as rates come down it will be possible to be more confident in the market's prospects and the private client will respond accordingly," Mr Bainbridge said.

Cairn in £7.5m US purchase

By Carol Ferguson

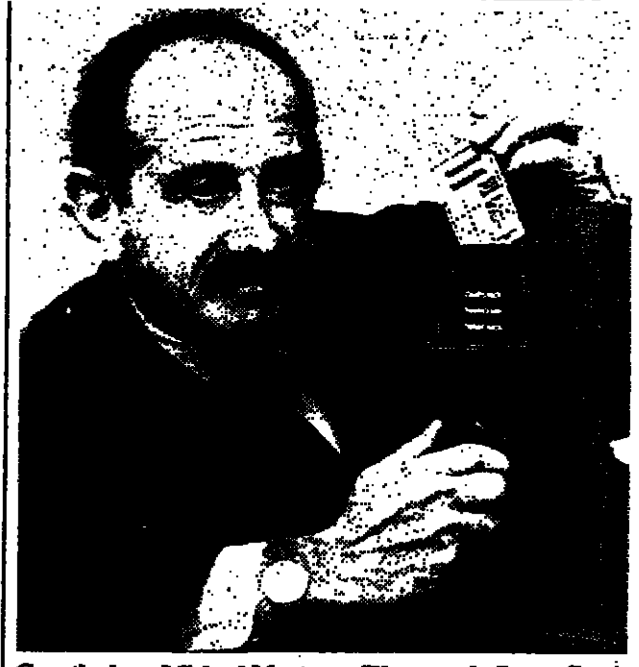
In a complex series of transactions, Cairn Energy, the fledgling oil and gas company in Edinburgh, is acquiring CP (Oil & Gas) Ltd, a US energy company, for £7.5 million in shares, and raising a minimum of £4 million in cash from an Australian backer.

Cairn, which is traded on the Stock Exchange under Rule 535.3, was formed out of the North Sea independent oil company Caledonian Offshore and its management company, Cairn Energy Management. Cairn Energy is capitalized at £15 million, and on completion of these deals will be capitalized at £25 million.

CP (Oil & Gas), which is managed by Cairn Energy on a fee basis, was created out of drilling partnerships formed for individual Scottish investors. By accepting Cairn shares these investors will have a more liquid investment than they had in CPOG. If tax relief is taken into account, investors will show a profit.

Mr Bill Gammell, Cairn's managing director, said that Cairn's shares were undervalued on the market because they were very tightly held.

"Its a very narrow market, but after this deal, we will be seeking a full listing on the Stock Exchange."



Growth plans: Michael Montague (Photograph: James Gray)

Yale interims soar

Yale and Valor, the international security and home products group in which Williams Holdings has a 4 per cent stake, is anxious for more acquisitions and remains aggressive about extending its business, said Mr Michael Montague, the chairman.

In the six months to end-September, pre-tax profits grew from £12.1 million to £21.6 million and turnover rose by 38 per cent to £168.8 million. The group virtually doubled its size in June 1987, when it bought Yale and NuTone in America. Profits from these operations are included for a full six months in the latest figures and for a three-month period for the first half of 1987.

The interim dividend rises from 1.8p to 3.45p a share, partly correcting the disparity between previous interim and final payments now that group profits are less seasonally biased. Tempus, page 26

Foods sale considered at Nabisco

By Martin Waller

RJR Nabisco is considering selling its foods businesses to a separate purchaser as one solution to the £11 billion takeover battle. Any agreed bid would then be purely for the tobacco interests, the special committee of the board of directors said yesterday.

The committee, set up separately from management to evaluate the three firm or potential leveraged bids for the company, has said a break-up into food and tobacco operations is one option.

While emphasizing that no decision had been made to recommend the sale of the company or any other significant corporate transaction, the committee said it had asked its financial advisors to evaluate various unnamed alternatives other than the company's sale.

It set a deadline of November 18 for sealed bids to buy the group's tobacco interests. The after-tax proceeds of a disposal of the foods business would be handed to shareholders before any sale of the tobacco side.

Wall Street observers say a break-up could be the only way of realizing its true value. So far the two offers are worth less than RJR's true break-up value, analysts believe.

Nesco to buy software firm for £4m

Nesco Investments, the Nigerian electricity producer where Mr Robin Lodge, the computer entrepreneur, took control last year, is buying DCS Group, a software systems business, for £4 million.

Nesco's interim profits fell from £179,000 to £70,000 in the six months to end-September. The search for acquisitions cost £30,000, says Mr Lodge, while the revaluation of the Nigerian assets led to a £52,000 increase in the depreciation charge. However there is a 1p interim dividend, and the promise of two more 1p payments for the 15 months to the end of June.

The DCS deal involves the issue of 600,000 new Nesco shares, £500,000 of loan notes and £2.8 million cash. Nesco is offering shareholders 1.75 million new shares at 103p.

Arrow buys rest of Invesco for $133m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Britannia Arrow Holdings, the financial services group, has consolidated its position in the US by taking full control of Invesco Capital Management, the Atlanta fund management company, for $133 million (£75.1 million).

In a cash and paper deal, Britannia has acquired the 55 per cent of Invesco it did not already own. Invesco's management has been formed into a partnership holding convertible loan notes from Britannia worth $61 million as part of an incentive scheme. The managers have agreed to remain with the company. A further $73 million will be paid in cash.

Lord Rippon of Hexham, chairman of Britannia, said the purchase represented an important strategic step towards his company's objective of providing an integrated global service.

Britannia also believes its earnings will be enhanced by the addition of Invesco. The US company has $14 billion of funds under management, with profits last year of $23.4 million.

Britannia produced profits of £41.8 million, an increase of 41 per cent on the previous year, with £15 billion of funds under management.

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, who owns 20.7 per cent of Britannia, has approved the Invesco deal.

Expansion hits National Telecom profit

Hefty expansion costs led to a flat profits performance at National Telecommunications, the telephone systems management group which came to the market in July. Pre-tax performance was just 12 per cent higher at £1.22 million, despite higher interest payments in the six months to end-September.

The figures were in line with forecasts — the group sees most of its earnings in the second half.

But for the cost of expansion, and the 7 or 8 per cent drop in average gross margins as the group expanded, operating profits growth would have matched the 61 per cent turnover growth to £13.18 million, managed in the first half, said Mr Peter Chamberlain, chairman.

Bumper profits expected

If you think about it, selling stocks and shares has never been too dissimilar to dealing in apples and pears or, indeed, cars. Which could be one of the reasons why, putting his long City experience to good use, Keith Goldie-Morrison, the former senior partner of still-independent stockbroker Keith Bayley Rogers, is, I hear, about to become a non-executive chairman of Malaya Group, a motor dealer based in Billings—hurst, West Sussex. For Goldie-Morrison, a larger-than-life character who looks considerably younger than his 67 years, it represents his first corporate chairmanship since he retired from the Council of the Stock Exchange a couple of months ago. A member of the Exchange for almost 40 years, he still works virtually full-time as a "consultant" to Keith Bayley and remains chairman of both the Exchange's Quality of Markets Committee and Market Supervision Committee. Given the popular image of the City, it is appropriate that Malaya, which opened its second site in nearby Crawley two years ago, has franchises only for Porsche, Mercedes and Alfa Romeo cars. And Goldie-Morrison's new post does not mean he will be spending any less time in the Square Mile. For Malaya — which made profits of £306,000 from £9 million turnover in 1987 — is planning to float on the Third Market this month.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Writing an old wrong

While the Guinness affair is of course a serious business, it has not been without its more humorous moments. One such came when Graham Walsh, who had been forced to resign as head of corporate finance at Morgan Grenfell, was interviewed by two Department of Trade inspectors. Walsh, a former director general of the Takeover Panel, brought with him a letter from Sir Gordon Richardson, written several years previously when he was Governor of the Bank of England. It thanked Walsh for his stint on the Panel and was fairly routine reading, except for its signature. For some reason the Governor had signed it "Graham Walsh". Walsh was understandably at great pains to assure the inspectors that he had not written the letter to himself.

Squall black

As if they had not run up enough legal bills already, from their continuing wrangle with Lonrho's Roland "Tiny" Rowland, the Fayeds are, I hear, about to go into the High Court in New Zealand to protect the exclusivity of the Harrods name. The individual who has incurred their displeasure is one Henry Harrod, who runs a wedding reception, restaurant and motel complex in the sleepy town of Palmerston North. He has, with good reason on the face of it, been trading under the same name as the top people's store in Knightsbridge for 35 years now, and is determined to defend his right to use the name all the way. The Fayeds might do well to remember that last year another New Zealand town was so outraged when one of its local businessmen — also called Harrod — was threatened with similar action that it changed its name from Otorohanga to Harrodsville for a week. Palmerston North is said to have an equally cunning plan up its sleeve.

"Takeover rumours, aggressive bids, companies going to the wall — it makes you wonder whatever next?"

Brooms clean up

Unlikely though it might sound, the latest sporting craze among the young bucks of the Square Mile this winter is likely to see them donning training shoes and pushing brooms around on the ice in pursuit of a large orange ball. Broomball, a sport which in fact pre-dates ice hockey, was reborn on the Broadgate ice-rink last year and became an immediate success. This year's season promises to be bigger and better with John Curry, the former European, world and Olympic skating champion launching it on Thursday of next week, and the first league match scheduled for the evening of December 8. "It started in a small way last year and everyone was amazed by its popularity," says Chris Brown, managing director of the restaurant and wine bar group Corney & Barrow, which is sponsoring the new league. "It seems to have captured the City's imagination. It's fast and furious, flashy and fun — and very competitive." Matches, between teams comprising four players each, will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 8-10pm.

● **Brokers who cover and regularly travel to markets in the Far East apparently suffer far more from jet lag than their colleagues specializing in the US market. According to the drugs firm Upjohn, which has been studying symptoms of jet lag, the most severe problems are experienced by those flying in an easterly direction.**

Carol Leonard

Suter set to link with Thomson

The on-off marriage between Thomson T-Line and Suter, the conglomerate led by Mr David Abell, will definitely be consummated this morning, said a spokesman for Hambros, one of the merchant banks involved in the talks.

Earlier this week the market had been primed to look for a 275p-a-share offer from Thomson, valuing Suter at £320 million, as both sets of shares were suspended.

Evode in £3m acquisition

Evode has paid £3.1 million for Technoplast, a Dutch company making a wide range of moulded plastic products.

Profits from Technoplast advanced last year from Dfl 610,000 to Dfl1.2 million (£337,000).

Perpetual loan

BTR-Nylex, the Australian offshoot of the industrial conglomerate BTR, is to raise Aus$540 million (£250 million) in what amounts to a perpetual loan note. The financing is in 9 per cent non-maturing subordinated convertible unsecured loan notes, of which 63 per cent will be taken up by BTR.

Hanson sales

Hanson has realized another $60 million (£34 million) from the assets of the former SCM group.

It has sold two companies making business and computer forms to a group of private investors, and a Mexican paint company to a subsidiary of Akzo.

Profit soars

The Scottish National Trust, the investment company, made a final dividend of 2.4p, making 6.3p for the full year. Pre-tax profits rose to £17.05 million against £6.24 million.

£2m disposal

Wickes, the do-it-yourself warehouse group, has sold Hunter Plywood (Bristol) to its management for £2.1 million.

McInerney up

McInerney Properties, the Irish house builder and property developer, is increasing its half-way dividend from Ir1p to Ir1.5p after reporting interim pre-tax profits up 41 per cent to Ir£1.84 million (£1.53 million).

£1.2m buy

Allied Partnership Group has paid £1.2 million for Bewley and Schepens (Corby), a distributor of speciality foods to leading food retailers.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Minorco consolidates its grip on the empire

Sir Michael Edwardes is like a man running out of time, such is his hurry to squeeze the offshore empire of Anglo American Corporation of South Africa until the pips squeak. It is only seven weeks since he moved into Minorco, but already he has bid for Consolidated Gold Fields and engineered himself the chairmanship of Charter Consolidated.

While his bloodless coup at Charter left the market wondering where the man who routed Red Robbo will strike next (and as a precaution marking up everything in the Anglo orbit) it leaves no doubt that Charter's biggest shareholder is determined to look after its own interests.

Whether this is to the benefit of the remaining shareholders is another matter. Minorco's bid for Consolidated Gold Fields was made not for the benefit of all, but to further its own specific aims.

At Charter there is another major shareholder, the M&G unit trust group, and it is by no means a foregone conclusion that M&G will swing its 14 per cent stake behind Minorco's ambitions to become a "hands-on" conglomerate. Doubtless Sir Michael will make time in the next week or so to pay M&G a visit, after which he may honour other shareholders with a letter outlining his intentions.

Neil Clarke is maintaining a shocked, or perhaps diplomatic, silence on the affair. He has already moved out of the chief executive's office at 40 Holborn Viaduct. He had probably expected to move into the chairman's suite now occupied by Sir Michael when Jocelyn Hambro hung up his casting vote. Outside shareholders might ask Mr Clarke, since he is still on the board in a non-executive role, whether he stood and fought for the interests of all shareholders before rolling over to the demands of one.

Mr Clarke presided over Charter in a meticulous but hardly inspired manner. It rarely did more than routine housekeeping and its one big acquisition, Anderson Strathclyde, was made at the wrong time and the wrong price. But it did back Johnson Matthey when it ran into a crisis with its banking business, and Mr Clarke remains chairman of that company. It must be an open question, given the cool state of relations between Mr Clarke and Sir Michael, whether he stays or goes at Johnson Matthey. Minorco, by its own defining of its future role, will be wanting to call the shots.

But Sir Michael is not every fund manager's idea of the perfect businessman. His long tenure at Chloride Group has barely been more electric than Mr Clarke's stint at Charter.

His decision to move on Charter is hardly unexpected. On the day he launched the bid for ConsGold he said the new team would "critically review all investments", adding it would do this "dispassionately, uninhibited by historic attitudes and decisions". A fellow Minorco director, Roger Phillimore, said in a recent interview in *The Times* that he hoped "to move on the rest of the group", including Charter. "One thing you can be sure of", he added, "in a year or 18 months from now, we will either have more of them or less of them."

Maybe the plan will unfold even further at Minorco's annual meeting in Luxembourg tomorrow.

BSC fund abandons Shop

If in doubt, get out. That seems to have been the attitude of the British Steel Corporation Pension Fund towards its investment in London Shop, the retail property company. The sale of the fund's 20 per cent stake to Peel Holdings, which could provide a platform for a full bid, follows a simmering difference of opinion over the direction London Shop has been taking.

While London Shop wanted to diversify into commercial and industrial properties, the fund wanted to see continuing investment in the retail sector. London Shop has three-quarters of its assets in Britain's high streets, and that was the attraction to BSC Pension Fund.

Rather than press on with what had obviously become an awkward and acrimonious relationship, the fund has cut loose and found a buyer.

BSC Pension Fund can now choose a retail investment if it believes that represents the best home for its money. The moral seems to be there is no point owning a large stake in a business if there is no chance of influencing the way it is being run. Sir Michael Edwardes would wholeheartedly agree.

Shares in London Shop have been among the strongest performers of late, rising nearly 14 per cent over the past month in anticipation of action by BSC Pension Fund. Yesterday, they jumped a further 30p to 296p as the market awaits some early action by Peel Holdings. But, at that price, they are perilously close to the most bullish estimates of net asset value, and few expect the commercial property market, even in shops, to continue to roar ahead. Pre-tax profits rose by 29 per cent last year to £10.89 million, with stated net assets up from 214p to 267p.

However, doubts about the future growth of consumer spending and the possibility that high street rents will be unable to maintain recent growth must put a question mark over a company with about 80 per cent of its portfolio in the retail market. Shareholders could do worse than take their profits in the stock market now.

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New forum to prompt urban renewal

A new independent business forum has been set up in response to the findings of the Confederation of British Industry's business and urban regeneration task force formed last year.

Headed by Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, and with Mr Richard Wade, marketing director of Business in the Community, as its chief executive, the forum will try to stimulate coordinated action on urban regeneration and develop local partnerships with the public and voluntary sectors.

The move was announced as the CBI conference in Torquay accepted the conclusions reached by the CBI task force on business involvement in fighting inner city and urban decay. The forum's first meeting will be on December 1 and there is to be a television campaign with details of the operation to be reported to the Prince of Wales.

Mr Tom Frost, group chief executive of the National Westminster Bank, said the task force, which he chairs, considered tackling the physical environment was often a crucial first step towards restoring economic growth. But it felt a simple blue print could be transferred successfully from one city to another.

At least £50 billion would be needed to rebuild only the most seriously rundown areas

Call for 10% cut in corporate taxes

CBI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mr John Banham, the director general of the CBI, yesterday called for corporation tax to be cut from 35 to 25 per cent. In his closing address to the conference at Torquay, he indicated that this could be achieved if CBI recommendations on public spending were implemented.

He strongly criticized the continuing increase in the burden of taxation imposed on business, which in real terms had risen from £30 billion in 1986-87 to £38 billion this financial year.

He pointed out that this was sufficient to build more than 2,000 miles of motorway a year. This year no new motorways had been built.

Mr Banham considered Britain was beginning to see the era of investment for which the CBI had been calling. He maintained the main priority remained investment by business in business. Personal consumption must come second and public expenditure third.

"I must make better links.
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If consumers could be persuaded to accept the ultimate sacrifice of seeing their spending next year grow by only 2 per cent in real terms, a figure that would have had everyone delirious with delight not very long ago, and if simultaneously they could maintain the current momentum of capital investment, there was indeed the opportunity to build on their success and, the balance of payments problem would largely disappear.

But he felt a policy of "more of the same" would not be good enough. Business was still not generating sufficient surpluses to fund investment on the scale required. "And if we are to meet the challenges of 1992, we must invest substantially more than we currently do."

Britain's competitive edge at home and abroad was being blunted by the combined effects of increases in interest rates, electricity prices and local authority and water rates, not to mention changes in sterling parity.

Mr Banham, calling on the Government to provide leadership, said the voters must be persuaded to save and invest, rather than to carry on spending. It should not be impossible: this was not a policy of blood, sweat and tears.

They needed to look rather carefully at the small print in the Chancellor's autumn statement and they would certainly need to see that again next year at Budget-time "if we are not to get diverted back to the slow road to nowhere, along with too much of the nation's increasingly congested traffic."

Mr Banham, besides calling for a 10 per cent cut in corporation tax, urged the Government not to increase electricity prices for intensive users in the spring; not to raise local authority business rates; and to implement massive spending on road and rail networks.

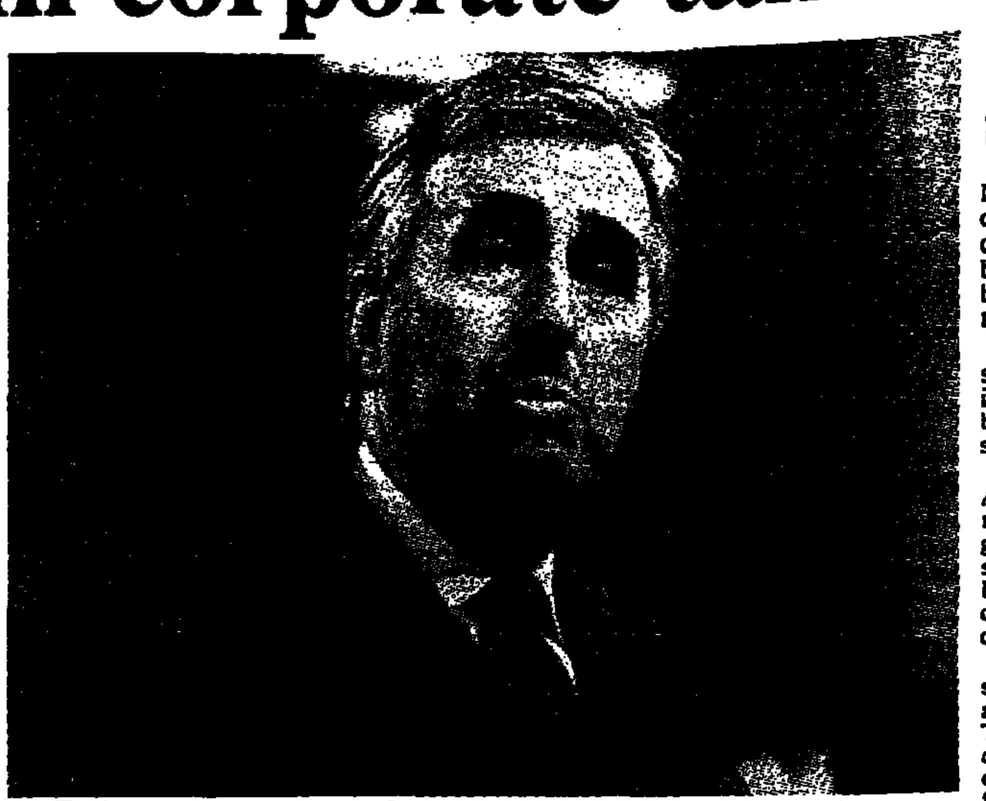
He said electricity users would be repaying £1.3 billion next year to the Exchequer. Prices under government control had risen six times faster than those subject to the disciplines of the market.

"We can do without these inflationary own goals."

The autumn statement showed that in real terms local authority spending over the next three years would not increase at all, in marked contrast to spending under central government control which seemed set to rise by 4 per cent a year in real terms over the next three years.

Just one year's productivity gains in the public sector of the kind that had become routine in private manufacturing would be sufficient to fund the construction of an extra 1,000 miles of motorway a year.

Mr Banham said that wherever the inflationary pressures in the economy were coming from, it was not from the private manufacturing sector, which had at last created the opportunity to invest in success as a nation. The era of investment for which the CBI had been calling was beginning to be seen.


'British business is back': John Banham, director general of the CBI, yesterday

The CBI was determined to see action that could change permanently the out-dated attitudes in some sections of the media and Westminster, not to mention much of the general public, towards the business of creating wealth. "British business is back," he said.

On the subject of the removal of internal European Economic Community barriers, he said research suggested that well over 7,000 British businesses with a turnover of £5 million a year had yet to do anything to prepare for 1992.

"They are sleep-walking into the future and they will take their employees over the cliff with them."

He said that whingeing, whining losers usually received the attention they deserved. So did winners. When today's business leaders set out what had to be done to secure future international competitiveness, they, rather than the economic soothsayers, who had never made or sold anything in their lives with the possible exception of their own opinions, should be heard.

"To read some current commentaries about our economic situation is a deeply depressing experience. They seem to learn little, if anything, and seem to suffer too often from that lethal combination of what I believe is known as 'ballistic thinking' and 'forecaster's droop'. It is easy to see why the prosperity of the country is inversely related to the distinction of its economists."

Overall Mr Banham considered that Britain stood at something of an economic crossroads and the recovery had not by any means run its full course. This was the time to invest in success, not to reinforce the get-rich-quick attitudes bred of the decades of failure.

Get stuck in to education says Baker

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, took his campaign to have more businessmen on the governing boards of schools and colleges to the CBI.

He told CBI members not to stand back but to become involved in education. "Don't be stuck-up, get stuck in," he said.

"The Education Reform Act requires that at least half the governors on college governing bodies must represent employment interest, or be people who are independent of local authority and college interest.

"They will have a crucial say in how colleges are staffed and how budgets are spent. They will be able to affect the quality of the large proportion of the workforce recruited from colleges.

"Being a college governor is not just responsible citizenship. It is in your interest that the colleges give young people the training, attitudes and knowledge that you want your future employees to have.

"It is essential that businessmen and women of the right calibre and commitment volunteer to serve as college governors — we will need around 4,000 of them."

Mr Baker said that the process had already begun at 50 colleges and polytechnics.

He added: "You cannot take the attitude that, 'I run my company. It's up to Baker to sort out the education service.'

"I am doing my bit every day. But I cannot do it alone."

School links to be extended

The CBI has good working links with 15,000 secondary schools and intends to double that, according to Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and head of the CBI's Business-Education Task Force.

He said that 37 per cent of secondary schools have no regular links with business and fewer than one school in three has sufficient local links to meet work experience targets. "Our target could be met by encouraging an additional 15,000 medium-sized firms to take part and by asking those firms already involved to add further links.

"Companies should have a clear board-level policy towards education. Our survival in a competitive world depends on our making the most of the talents and abilities of the people in our businesses.

"So this should be the responsibility of a member of the board. But what matters to schools is how that policy is turned into action in their neighbourhood.

"A manager at each site should therefore be responsible for school links within an overall framework."

Sir Adrian said that links between education and industry were essential because of the "demographic time bomb", with 3 million fewer school leavers in the decade from 1985 compared with the previous decade.

Management plan launched

Mr Robert Reid, the chairman of Shell UK, yesterday launched the CBI Management Charter Initiative, a campaign to encourage more young people to seek a career in management.

"If UK management is to be improved we have to attract the best of our young into management, as well as continuously developing those who are already managers," he said. "The enthusiastic involvement of the young will be critical. It is encouraging that management now ranks third in the list of desirable careers for graduates, according to a recent poll. Let's make it top.

"Young men and women leaving college this year will be looking for the Management Charter Initiative companies in the milk round and will be seeking encouragement for their continued self-development.

"These are ambitious plans, but they are soundly based on a consultative process which has been comprehensive and painstaking.

"A deficient, haphazard system governing management already exists, and will continue to exist if we do not redirect it."

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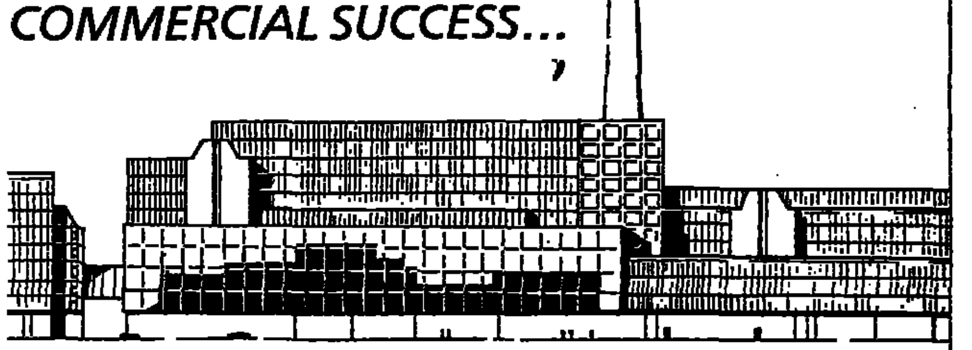

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PROFIT AFTER TAX	84	88
DIVIDEND	36	29
CAPITAL INVESTMENT	584	558
ASSETS	2588	2200
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (AVERAGE)	16,773	16,940

Christopher Harding, Chairman.

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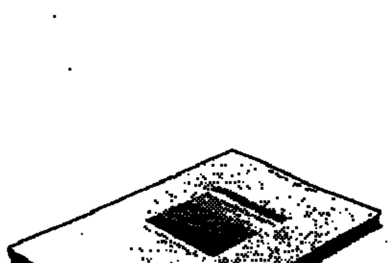

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1	Logica	Electricals	
2	TI	Industrials S-Z	
3	Saatchi 10p (aa)	Paper,Print,Adv	
4	How Gp	Building,Roads	
5	Nthn Foods (aa)	Foods	
6	Amec	Building,Roads	
7	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
8	Wellcome (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
9	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
10	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
11	Bradford	Property	
12	Appletree Hldgs	Foods	
13	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
14	Hanover Druce	Property	
15	Magnet (aa)	Building,Roads	
16	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
17	Ashley (Laura)	Drapery,Stores	
18	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
19	Gr Portland	Property	
20	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
21	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
22	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
23	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
24	Lilleshall	Industrials L-R	
25	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
26	Asda	Property	
27	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
28	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
29	DRG	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Ferranti Intl (aa)	Electricals	
31	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
32	Cornwell Parker 'A'	Industrials A-D	
33	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
34	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
35	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
36	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
37	Belhaven	Breweries	
38	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
39	Yale & Valor	Industrials S-Z	
40	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
41	Westland	Motors,Aircraft	
42	THORN EMI (aa)	Electricals	
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44	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
111	30	Rea Bros	70	75	..	0.3	0.4	
163	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	154	158	..	10.2	6.9	8.2
380	287	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	342	345	+9½	17.9	5.2	6.7
990	850	Schroders	865	915	-10	22.0	2.5	11.2
526	372	Stand Chart (aa)	473	476	r ..	46.7	9.8	
118½	96	TSB (aa)	107	109	+1	6.6	6.1	7.2
595	480	Union Disc	502	510	..	38.4	7.6	11.4
355	276	Warburg SG	317	322	..	15.3	4.8	8.6
133	95	Do 6% 'A'	109	112	..	8.8	7.2	
40½	23	Wells Fargo	38¼	..	-⅛	..		
458	445	Wintrust	445	470	+5	9.3	2.0	18.9

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
499	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	465	467	+4	17.3	3.7	13.9
867	734	Bass (aa)	813	818	+13	26.9	3.3	12.2
66	44	Belhaven	51	54	●+4	1.9	1.9	20.7
175	127	Boddington	162	165		5.4	3.3	17.0
237	129	Buckleys	145	156		0.9	0.6	
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	158	165	+1	8.7	5.4	10.8
191	120	Burtonwood Brew	187	195	+1	4.3	2.3	23.9
380	332	Clark (Matthew)	380	390		14.7	3.8	10.6
371	259	Devenish (JA)	315	320	+6	4.3	1.3	29.0
290	176	Greenall Whitley	260	265	-2	8.3	3.2	15.0
494	433	Greene King	440	447	-5	9.9	2.2	19.7
357	271	Guinness (aa)	337	339	+1	12.9	3.8	11.3
795	680	Hardys & Hansons	785	805	..	30.0	3.8	14.8
130	76	Highland Dist	120	122		3.8	3.1	18.9
415	188	Invergordon Dist	400	425		8.3	2.1	24.4
440	125	Irish Dist	403	412	+1			
167	110	Marston Thompson	164	168	+1	3.9	2.3	18.7
693	464	Morland	630	675		10.9	1.7	25.8
368	250	SA Breweries	360	375	+3			
411	306	Scot & New (aa)	400	402	..	12.2	3.0	19.8
721	479	Vaux Group	693	700		21.6b	3.1	21.3
317	268	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	308	311	+9	14.1	4.5	11.5
700	324	Do 'B'	600	700		14.1	2.2	24.2
420	258	Whitbread Inv	415	420	+6	12.3	2.9	44.4
441	351	Wolverhampton & D	437	444	+1	8.2	1.9	18.8
530	345	Young 'A'	500	520	.	12.3	2.4	29.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	217	Abbey	215	225				8.5
407	315	Amec	364	368	+3	19.3	5.3	15.4
457	331	Anglia Sec	390	408	r ..	3.4	0.8	24.5
54	36	Anglo Utd	40	43		1.3	3.1	[illegible]
208	90	Arncliffe	157	172	+9	5.3	3.2	13.4
325	247	Allwoods	311	313	+1	9.3	3.0	15.3
340	238	BPB Ind (aa)	268	273	+4	11.3	4.2	5.3
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	305	315		5.0	1.6	21.9
94	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	89	92	●+1	2.9	3.2	..
216	159	Barratt Devs	180	182	●-3	14.3	8.2	9.5
272	181	Bellway	241	245	-2	10.7	4.4	11.2
113	83	Bellwinch	92	97	●+2	5.0	5.3	7.7
364	258	Berkeley Gp	271	297		4.7	1.7	19.4
122	83	Bett Bros	103	113	+1	4.8	4.4	24.9
400	320	Blockleys	345	395		9.7	2.6	20.1
474	408	Blue Circle (aa)	451	453	●+6	21.3	4.7	10.7
398	318	Boot (Henry)	382	395	●+1	20.0	5.1	9.2

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OILS, GAS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
27	15	New London Oil	14	16	..			
67	31	Oil Search	33	35				
69	47	Petrocon	48	55	+1			
2⅛	1⅛	Petrogas	1⅛	1¼				
66	46	Premier	55	58	+½		..	19.5
373	221	Ranger	285	290	-15			
67⅞	50⅞	Royal Dutch	62⅝		+⅛			
6¼	5½	Saxon Oil	5	6	-½			
11	549	Shell (aa)	575	985	●+12	64.0	6.5	13.4
340	163	Sovereign	328	333	.	13.3	4.0	15.6

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SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	04	West Trust	32	35	r ..	f		
250	193	Yorklyde	222	232	..	11.0b	4.8	7.6

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
483	398	BAT (aa)	457	459	●+5	24.0	5.2	9.4
150	125	Carreras	133	143				
486	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	467	470		13.3	2.8	10.2

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Asset Value	332.3	353.8	-2.0	3.37
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Income Tst	409.5	435.8	-3.2	3.96

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American EVS	57.68	61.20●	-0.21	1.40
Australia	66.72	71.84●	+0.16	0.00
Eastern	76.73	82.77	+0.72	1.10
Equity Inc	68.10	72.26●	+0.09	5.30
Europe	126.2	133.9	-0.9	0.20
Exempt Tst	57.43	58.61	..	3.10
Growth & Inc	75.84	80.47	-0.27	2.70
Do Acc	119.7	127.1	-0.4	2.70
Global Gth	60.94	64.66c	-0.07	0.00
Japan Spec	146.0	155.8	-0.3	0.00
Japan Sun	133.8	142.8	-2.2	0.00
First Europe	118.5	125.8	-0.9	1.20
First Japan	103.5	110.4●	+0.2	0.60
First N Amer	44.12	46.82	-0.22	1.00
First Smlr Co	91.7	97.3●	-0.3	1.40
N Amer Spec	40.97	43.47	-0.19	0.60
UK Growth	57.20	60.85	-0.50	4.85
Select Man Fd	47.00	49.87	-0.05	2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Financial	149.4	159.4	..	3.94
Smlr Co Acc	284.4	306.5●	.	0.90
Do Inc	179.9	195.2●		1.29
High Income	77.33	82.70	.	5.70
Income	93.18	99.70●	.	5.34
Man Portfl Inc	86.88	92.75	.	2.84
Do Acc	147.8	157.7	..	2.20
Nth American	46.83	49.99	..	0.35
Orient	99.37	106.2●	..	0.28
Exempt	269.9	284.7●	..	2.78
Recovery	64.52	69.04c	..	1.81
German	24.21	25.81●	.	1.60
Int Recov	25.22	26.92●	.	0.90
Europe	16.77	17.90●	.	3.20
Conv General	23.86	25.52	.	6.69

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Emer Gth Fd In	61.47	65.22	-0.27	1.40
Emr Gth Fd Ac	61.93	65.71	-0.28	1.40
Fellowship Inc	58.96	62.35●	-2.06	1.53
General Inc 4	266.8	282.1	-9.3	2.92
Do Acc 4	440.7	466.0	-2.4	2.92
Income Fd 3	143.1	151.8●	-1.0	4.00
Do Acc 3	273.4	290.1	-1.9	4.00
Int Income 2	104.7	110.7	-0.7	1.63
Do Acc 2	141.9	150.1	-0.8	1.63
Smlr Inc 5	101.6	107.8	-0.3	1.38
Do Acc	110.4	117.1	-0.3	1.38

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Sht Gt Fxd Int	52.13	52.83	+0.04	1.38

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Growth	34.28	36.87s	-0.04	2.78

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income	43.82	46.87s	+0.02	4.42
Far East	27.32	29.22s	-0.06	0.22
Nth American	26.29	28.06s	-0.01	0.74
Global	42.82	45.55	-0.28	0.75
European	43.08	45.81	+0.02	1.17
Japan	84.80	90.59s	+0.02	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.49	54.00	-0.27	1.38
Do Acc	48.46	49.23●		3.18
Intl Currency	43.59	45.87●	+0.06	8.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0566 01-929 6363

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital	411.1	438.7●	-1.5	3.09
European S S	52.21	55.83	-0.05	2.82
Far East S S	50.36	53.74	-0.41	0.87
Gold Gen S S	54.58	58.24	-0.82	0.88
Income	350.9	374.4●	-1.5	5.18
Intl Sp Sits	49.95	52.28	-0.38	1.96
Nth Amer	237.7	253.8	-4.0	2.25

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Portfolio	48.10	51.45	-0.08	3.50

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Investment	481.1		..	4.81
Fixed Int	145.1		..	9.86
Deposit	100.0		..	11.40

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income	438.74	●	.	5.20
Acc	£13.9151		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	11.60

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Man Reserves	23.03	24.37●	..	..
SC Special Sits	67.64	71.58	-0.45	0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Gth	18.91	20.12	-0.25	0.81
Atlas Gth	21.75	23.14	-0.25	0.82
Dragon Gth	23.78	25.30	+0.07	1.67
Equity Hi Inc	57.37	60.55	-0.11	5.28
Do Acc	58.81	62.07	-0.11	5.28
European Gth	26.65	28.35●	-0.22	1.42
Gen Equity	48.15	50.82	-0.34	3.23
G/F Intrst Gth	33.54	35.21	-0.13	7.23
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.58	25.81●	-0.10	8.88
Intl Income Tst	21.95	23.35●	-0.12	5.67
Japan Gth	46.32	49.28	-0.74	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.01	30.88	-0.15	2.61
Special Sits	36.03	38.33	-0.22	2.12

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	53.86	57.33	+0.08	2.33
Do Acc	56.12	59.70	+0.08	2.33
Income Inc	54.94	58.45	+0.13	3.35
Do Acc	58.02	61.72	+0.13	3.35
Worldwide Inc	43.67	46.71	+0.16	0.35
Do Acc	44.30	47.38	+0.17	0.35
Gemma Inc	36.18	38.49	+0.13	0.68
Do Acc	36.35	38.67	+0.13	0.68
Amer Gth	50.22	53.43	+0.25	0.55
Euro Gth	58.66	62.40●	+0.16	0.59
Far East	63.21	67.24	+0.03	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.17	49.69	-0.02	8.06
World Bond	48.41	51.23	+0.12	5.25
Private Inv Pt	47.75	50.69●	+0.01	2.59
Profess Inv Pt	50.09	53.19●	-0.02	0.98
Progres Inv Pt	50.09	53.19●	-0.02	0.98

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Tst	104.2	110.9	..	0.75
Canadian Gth	20.04	21.36●	..	1.03
European Tst	101.2	107.7	..	0.94
Growth Tst	264.5	281.3	.	2.72
High Income	325.3	346.1●	.	4.97
Ind Tech Tst	104.4	111.1	..	0.72
Investment	26.90	28.92	..	0.69
Japanese Tst	231.6	246.4	..	0.00
Man Intl	28.48	30.30	..	2.48

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
European Gth	56.01	59.85●	-0.09	1.27
Euro Spec Sits	42.51	45.41	-0.02	1.35
International	46.87	49.55	+0.01	7.18
N Amer Gth	41.89	44.52	-0.09	2.02
Pacific Gth	54.57	58.39●	+0.37	2.72
UK Gth Acc	68.38	73.36	-0.38	3.21
Do Dist	65.04	69.80	-0.38	3.21
UK Income	57.30	61.32	-0.25	4.72

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090528

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American Fd	55.56	60.10●	-1.91	1.65
Capital Fd	131.4	139.6	-0.2	1.43
Convertible	24.37	25.89	-0.01	7.44
Eurofund	24.59	26.50	-0.11	1.13
Growth & Inc	185.8	197.4	-0.8	4.16
High Dist Fd	149.8	159.2●	-0.2	5.34
International	210.2	223.3	-1.2	1.01
Pacific Fd	23.79	25.28●	-0.05	0.00
Resources Fd	21.29	22.98	-0.24	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	39.07	41.42	-0.16	0.00
Tokyo Fd	189.1	200.5	-1.3	0.00
Ex Amer 2	116.2	119.4●	..	1.91
Ex Japan 3	120.7	124.0	.	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	353.1	362.9	.	0.24
Ex Smlr Jap 4	227.8	234.1●	.	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	80.26	85.16	-0.60	2.86
Do Acc	84.56	89.72	-0.63	2.71
UK Gth Acc	120.7	128.1	-0.7	2.15
UK High Inc	91.44	97.02●	-0.50	4.52
N Amer Acc	62.19	66.34	-0.41	1.06
Far East Acc	118.7	126.6	-0.4	0.81
European Acc	76.31	81.40	+0.45	1.27
UK Gt/FI Inc	57.25	60.19	-0.20	8.65
Do Acc	65.48	69.69	-0.23	7.44
Intl Spec Sits	38.89	41.48	+0.11	1.62

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66966

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Endurance	118.8	126.3●	.	1.96

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equit Pelican	93.05	98.99●		3.94
High Income	99.78	106.1●	.	4.99
Gt/Fxd Intrst	52.36	55.60	..	7.55
Tst Of Inv Tsts	90.23	95.99	..	2.19
Spec Sits Tst	101.5	108.0	..	2.91
Nth Amer Tst	57.37	61.04	..	1.31
Far East Tst	118.0	125.5	..	0.32
Intl Gth	58.19	61.91	..	1.78
European Tst	43.63	46.42	..	1.59

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1SD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	176.7	188.0●	-1.4	3.68
Do Inc	143.9	153.1●	-1.1	3.68
Higher Inc Acc	333.4	354.7●	-2.4	4.88
Do Inc	248.4	262.2●	-1.7	4.86
Gilts & Fxd Acc	114.3	120.1	-0.4	8.91
Do Inc	82.17	86.37	-0.29	8.91
N Amer Acc	108.7	115.7●	-0.6	0.25
Far East Acc	200.7	213.6●	-0.4	0.05
Euro Tst Acc	145.0	154.3●	-0.2	0.00
Gen Tst	252.5	268.7●	-2.1	3.96
Brit Excell	39.63	42.16●	-0.30	3.33
Br Family Inc	49.03	52.16●	-0.22	6.25
Do Acc	50.60	53.83●	-0.23	6.25

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
US Smlr Co	66.09	65.62●	-0.34	0.61
UK Inc Fd	91.74	99.12	-0.23	4.44
Far East Fd	85.48	91.42	-0.63	0.00
Overseas Inc	60.84	65.07	-0.26	4.37
Fxd Interest	54.00	57.23	-0.16	9.74
Natural Res Fd	56.22	60.15	-0.61	2.01
European Inc	65.73	70.30	-0.38	2.06
Financials Fd	46.48	49.71	-0.08	2.38
Intl Tech Fd	94.6	101.1	..	0.78
UK Gth	67.08	71.25	-0.45	2.23
US Major	44.51	47.47●	-0.15	0.78

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	67.84	72.17●	-0.39	1.25
Do Inc	65.67	69.87●	-0.38	1.25
Hi Yield Acc	29.82	31.73●	-0.04	5.70
Do Inc	27.39	29.14●	-0.03	6.70
Inc Gth Acc	56.87	60.50	-0.44	3.50
Do Inc	48.73	51.84	-0.39	3.50
Serv Co Acc	69.43	73.86●	-0.24	1.00
Do Inc	67.47	71.78●	-0.25	1.00
Amer Gth Acc	23.52	25.02	-0.17	0.50
Do Inc	23.26	24.75	-0.15	0.50
Euro Gth Acc	17.11	18.20	-0.06	0.20
Do Inc	16.92	18.01	-0.05	0.20

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American	102.4	108.5●	-1.6	0.84
Amer Eqty Inc	26.80	28.45●	-0.12	5.57
Amer Spec Sit	51.22	54.22	-0.15	0.55
Australia	26.55	28.22●	-0.32	1.72
European	63.35	67.39●	-0.13	..
European Inc	21.63	23.07	-0.05	4.07
Global Conv	21.52	23.02	-0.03	5.58
Far East Inc	39.45	41.77c	-0.04	3.45
Gt/Fxd Interest	28.28	29.51●	-0.22	8.92
Growth & Inc	119.0	127.6	-0.6	4.48
Japan Spec Sit	70.50	74.96	-0.34	..
Japan	155.5	165.3	-1.0	..
Managed Intl	124.2	132.2	-0.9	0.36
Inc Plus	107.1	114.9	-0.1	5.17
Famous Name	41.78	44.79	-0.28	1.65
SE Asia	40.93	43.55	+0.37	0.78
Spec Sit	272.4	292.2	-1.3	0.82
Eastern Opps	22.29	23.71	+0.12	0.00
Intl Bond	24.63	26.03●	-0.03	7.20
Recovery	28.59	30.66	-0.32	2.30
Moneybuilder	26.10	27.81	-0.09	2.35
Euro Ops 1992	..		..	..

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Smlr Cos	169.3	179.1	-0.7	..
Do Acc	172.9	182.9	-0.9	..
Amer Turn Inc	200.3	211.9	-0.7	..
Do Acc	207.8	219.8	-0.7	..
Capital Inc	264.7	280.1●	-1.2	2.17
Do Acc	331.7	351.0●	-1.5	2.17
Conv/Gilt Inc	105.7	111.8	-0.2	8.20
Do Acc	151.3	160.1	-0.4	8.20
European Inc	62.22	65.84	-0.27	0.78
Do Acc	62.74	66.39	-0.27	0.78
Extra Inc Inc	242.3	256.3	-1.0	4.97
Do Acc	278.3	294.4	-1.2	4.97
Financial Acc	45.49	48.13●	-0.01	0.96
Do Inc	45.08	47.70●	..	0.96
Income Tst	166.4	176.0c	-0.9	4.30
Do Acc	186.1	196.9c	-1.0	4.30
Intl Growth Fd	136.0	143.9●	-0.4	
Do Acc	151.0	159.7●	-0.6	
Japan/Gen Inc	118.1	124.9	-0.1	.
Do Acc	119.2	126.1	-0.2	..
Monthly Inc Fd	126.9	134.2●	-0.4	4.65
PEP 87	60.95	c	-0.08	3.48
PEP 88	55.09	58.29	-0.18	2.79
Recovery	183.6	194.2	-1.2	1.78
Do Acc	202.9	214.7	-1.1	1.78
Smaller Inc	59.43	62.88	-0.09	2.85
Do Acc	60.45	63.96	-0.09	2.86

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity Dist	235.5	249.6●	-0.80	2.91
Do Acc	415.7	440.5●	-1.41	2.91
Euro Gth Dist	59.50	63.13	-1.77	0.55
Do Acc	59.85	63.50	-1.79	0.55
Fxd Interest Di	113.1	119.0●	-0.15	7.65
Do Acc	152.8	160.8●	-0.20	7.65
Int Gth Dist	54.60	57.93	-0.58	0.56
Do Acc	54.93	58.29	-0.57	0.56
Nth Amer Dist	110.7	117.4	+0.43	1.30
Do Acc	113.3	120.0	+0.44	1.30
Pac Basin Dist	181.3	192.3	-0.80	0.15
Do Acc	181.5	192.6	-0.80	0.15
Steward Dist	236.4	249.5●	-0.05	1.61
Do Acc	250.8	265.3●	-0.75	1.61
Steward Inc Di	61.03	64.68●	+0.06	3.83
Do Acc	62.90	66.67●	+0.06	3.83
N Am Stwd Di	53.17	56.36	+0.04	0.86
Do Acc	53.84	57.07	+0.04	0.86

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Sp Sits	53.79	57.53	-0.12	0.49
UK Cap Inc	130.4	139.5	-1.3	3.10
Do Acc	195.3	208.9	-2.0	3.10
Do Spec Sits	54.26	58.35●	-0.24	1.81
Income Fd	101.0	108.1	-0.2	5.68
International	158.9	170.0	-0.9	1.13
US & General	42.23	45.12	-0.28	1.00
Japan & Gen	282.8	302.5	-2.8	0.32
Far East Gen	122.9	131.5	-1.3	0.31
European Fd	243.7	260.7	-0.1	0.22
Germany Fd	58.99	60.59●	-0.83	1.04
Intl Inc Fd	48.75	52.14	-0.34	6.02
Wld Spec Sit	60.03	64.21	-0.49	3.91
Global Prp Inc	47.78	51.11	-0.16	2.97
Do Acc	47.78	51.11	-0.16	2.97

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Gth Tsts				
British Acc	69.18	74.20	-0.34	2.59
Do Dist	57.82	62.12	-0.29	2.59
Chelt UK Gth	25.19	26.72	-0.19	3.18
Man Expt	267.7	278.6●	..	1.66
Pract Inv Inc	69.05	74.04	+0.10	2.43
Do Acc	130.9	140.4	+0.19	2.43
Spec Sits	98.37	105.4	-1.45	0.82
UK Sel Opps	62.79	67.33	..	0.00
UK Smlr Cos	104.9	112.5●	+0.12	1.43

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	60.03	64.21●	+0.73	6.90
Fxd Interest	28.57	30.56●	-0.38	7.25
High Income	31.01	33.16s	+0.57	5.51
Income	101.3	108.8	-0.41	5.69
Intl Fxd Int	23.72	25.19	+0.08	7.14
International Tsts				
Commod Shre	58.74	62.82	-0.38	1.88
Frontier Mkts	25.42	27.06	-0.02	0.09
Global	155.6	165.9●	-0.99	0.89
Do Dist	147.5	157.2●	-0.98	0.88
Glob Inc/Gth	69.62	74.48●	-0.10	3.70
Gold Share	14.29	15.32s	-0.20	1.98
Intl Sel Opps	106.5	113.9	-0.47	1.32
Oil & Energy	45.48	48.64	..	2.13
W wide Recov	89.32	95.52	-0.42	1.47
Overseas Tsts				
American	65.34	69.67	-0.38	1.23
Amer Sel Opp	26.80	28.72	-0.21	0.48
Australian	13.97	14.92	-0.06	1.80
European	47.89	51.06	-0.22	1.07
Euro Sel Opp	60.90	64.67	-0.06	0.81
Far East	127.0	135.2	-0.86	0.14
Hedged Amer	32.47	34.49	-0.32	0.50
Hong Kong	31.64	33.71	-0.13	2.06
Japan	129.5	137.7	-1.46	0.00
Japan S/Opp	70.20	74.49●	-0.01	0.00
Pacific Gth	48.67	51.91	-0.18	0.92

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0526

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Intl Gth	90.45	96.22	-1.05	1.09
American Gth	58.21	61.92	-0.16	0.73
American Inc	60.47	64.32	-0.15	4.51
European Gth	49.21	52.35s	+0.07	1.17
Gold & Minrls	47.08	50.05	-0.17	0.68
Japan Gth	65.87	69.86s	-0.49	..
Pacific Inc	88.28	93.91	-0.30	2.66
Pacific Strat	43.71	46.50	+0.20	0.41
UK Prog Inc	70.78	75.29	-0.48	4.70
UK Spec Opps	149.2	158.7	-1.28	1.36
Gt British	38.50	40.85	-0.28	3.35
UK Sml Co	37.18	39.55s	..	1.65

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9903

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	114.6	119.3	-0.4	8.35
Gth Equity	250.7	265.2c	-1.4	2.82
Guardhill	327.2	339.0	-2.0	3.23
Income Tst	100.9	106.7	-0.3	4.41
Intl Tst	112.3	118.8	+0.5	0.37
N American	122.0	129.1●	-0.6	1.51
Pacific	273.0	288.8●	+0.3	0.00
Prop Share	385.0	398.2	-0.1	1.98
Smaller Co	293.8	310.8●	-0.8	1.85
European Tst	260.2	276.3	+1.4	1.28

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Global Gth	41.33	43.97●	-0.05	0.80
High Income	92.98	98.90●	-0.44	5.19
N Amer Tst	109.9	117.0	-0.4	0.56
Pacific Gth	39.94	42.49●	-0.27	0.50
Recovery	329.6	350.3●	+1.8	2.15
St Vincent Inc	105.2	107.9	-0.4	5.69
St Vinc US Gth	45.35	48.28	-0.29	1.10
Temp B Sm Co	262.5	274.5	..	3.29
TBUSF	162.9	174.3●	..	2.90
Euro Gth Tst	48.48	51.38	..	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Eqty Inc	53.86	57.28●	+0.01	6.42
Canadian Tst	41.68	44.23●	-0.69	1.11
Equity Income	108.1	115.1c	-0.3	5.39
European Tst	86.22	91.49	-0.64	0.97
High Income	81.60	86.81	..	6.30
Intl Sits Tst	47.56	50.73	-0.12	1.38
Japan/F East	121.7	129.2●	-0.6	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	55.26	58.63c	-0.25	1.35
Recov & Asset	64.24	68.53	-0.04	2.09
Scandinavian	78.6	83.4	+0.7	1.27
Smlr Co	34.61	36.82s	-0.15	1.30
UK New Gen	39.80	42.35	-0.10	1.79

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Recov	94.53	102.5●	-0.74	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	39.23	42.95●	-0.10	0.00
Australian	109.9	117.4	-0.8	1.42
Best of World	47.45	50.72	-0.19	1.89
Cap Gth Inc	62.68	67.41	-0.39	2.31
Do Acc	75.13	80.80	-0.47	2.31
European	222.0	237.7●	-1.4	0.96
Euro Inc Tst	42.42	45.37	-0.13	3.95
Euro Smlr Co	81.22	86.86●	+0.14	0.08
Extra Income	234.7	254.2	-1.0	4.32
Financial Tst	168.2	185.0c	-0.3	2.27
Fxd Interest	53.12	57.29	+0.04	9.49
Gilt Tst	39.53	41.64●	-0.09	10.08
Global Health	75.43	81.08	-0.35	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	62.45	66.87	-0.29	4.71
Global Resrce	63.37	68.75	-0.28	0.48
Global Tech	90.43	97.38	-0.21	0.02
Gold	26.91	28.95	+0.10	0.00
High Income	242.3	262.1●	-0.7	4.19
Hong Kong	53.28	56.91	-0.34	0.00
Inc & Gth Inc	184.8	199.0	-1.0	3.50
Do Acc	385.2	414.8	-2.0	3.50
Income Asset	131.0	140.7	-0.8	4.14
International	151.4	162.1●	-0.9	0.56
Jap Spec Sits	203.9	217.6●	-0.7	0.00
Japan Tst	190.2	203.2	-1.1	0.00
Nth American	119.2	128.1	-1.1	0.43
Pacific Smr Co	84.50	90.78●	-0.37	0.00
Pension Man	43.38	45.48	-0.25	3.19
Pref & Gilt	56.21	61.52	+0.03	9.78
Recovery Tst	142.4	156.9	-0.5	2.25
Sing & Malay	34.33	36.57	-0.04	0.00
Smlr Co Div	173.2	190.3●	-0.4	3.60
Spec Sits Inc	184.1	201.4	-0.6	1.39
Do Acc	265.3	290.2	-1.1	1.39
Worldwide	485.7	525.0●	..	2.67
Euro Expt	108.3	112.6●	-0.8	0.70
Glob Tec Expt	64.56	67.22	-0.13	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	157.0	175.4	-0.8	4.30
Japan Expt	187.1	194.8	-1.5	0.00
N Amer Expt	81.15	84.71c	-0.58	0.62
Pacific Exempt	176.1	182.6●	-0.7	2.68
Sml Co Exempt	176.1	187.7	-0.1	1.95
Best of Brit	37.46	40.12●	-0.27	3.48
Spirit Of East	37.24	39.90●	-0.18	2.15

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
British Units	61.35	65.55s	-0.43	3.20
Capital Units	113.2	121.0	-0.8	2.61
Dollar Units	170.3	182.1●	-0.9	1.00
European	121.0	128.8	+0.5	0.00
Far East	130.7	139.7	-0.1	0.58
Financial	417.5	446.5●	-2.6	3.11
GF Interest Inc	27.10	28.15●	-0.02	8.83
High Yield	86.60	92.62	-0.27	5.01
Income	103.6	110.7●	-0.6	4.42
International	127.8	136.6	-0.8	1.66
Japan Tech	47.39	50.58	-0.20	0.00
Nat Resource	44.86	47.76	-0.69	1.23
Security	222.4	237.8	-1.9	2.53
Smaller Co	123.8	132.4●	-0.1	1.40
Spec Sits	122.4	130.9	-1.3	2.21
US Smlr Co	23.93	25.59	..	0.98

These figures refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above) Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

114	63	ASB Barratt	88	95	..	..	..	..
38	16	Aberdeen Pet	15	18	+1	..	..	..
44	13	Amercoeur	11	14	..	..	..	..
85	56	Anaman Res	61	64	+2	..	..	..
105	57	Beckenham	93	98	-1	2.3	2.4	28.2
230	152	Broadcast	183	191	+4	..	..	30.2
145	105	Chelsea Art	100	110	..	1.9	1.0	12.5
63	25	Chesser Intl	53	58	-2	..	..	..
105	65	Comac	65	75	..	..	..	7.9
180	120	Crown Eye	142	152	..	..	..	15.9
16	6½	Eglinton	6	7½	..	..	..	..
143	69	Far E Res	68	75	+3	..	..	..
90	78	Hilclere	78	83	..	..	..	13.5
41	20	Honorbat	26	28	r ..	..	..	28.7
31	13	Intl Comms	14	17	..	..	..	..
56	41	Kemp (PE)	38	43	..	2.0	4.9	7.7
58	58	LBW	95	100	..	..	..	20.9
103	68	Leading Lsr	94	97	-2	1.7	1.8	19.6
65	12	Lynx Tech	12	16	..	..	..	4.6
147	89	Medicacy	95	99	..	..	..	..
38	9	Norton Gp	9½	11	r ..	..	..	..
50	40	Pennine Optical	39	42	..	..	..	11.1
63	60	Restormeister	60	62	..	..	..	..
237	159	Royal Sovereign	215	225	+2	6.4	2.9	13.8
118	88	Seacon	98	103	+1	1.3	1.3	..
313	200	Takare	305	320	+3	1.3	0.4	43.5
135	108	UPL	105	115	-3	3.8	3.5	14.7
182	120	Uni Group	140	150	r ..	6.7	4.6	8.2

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 76.7 (day's range 76.7-76.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 8

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7695-1.7820	1.7695-1.7705	0.54-0.53pr	1.46-1.44pr
Montrl	2.1844-2.1986	2.1844-2.1883	0.34-0.18pr	0.50-0.33pr
Amstrdm	3.5697-3.5786	3.5717-3.5755	2⅝-2pr	6-5⅞pr
Brussels	66.22-66.55	66.30-66.52	33-22pr	90-74pr
Copnhgn	12.1821-12.2201	12.1821-12.1934	4⅞-4½pr	12-11⅞pr
Dublin	1.1820-1.1855	1.1834-1.1844	2¼-1⅞pr	5⅞-5pr
Frankft	3.1657-3.1725	3.1669-3.1704	45-39pr	127-116pr
Lisbon	260.56-263.29	260.56-261.59	2-1⅝pr	5⅞-5⅞pr
Madrid	208.39-209.12	208.62-209.10	par-32ds	38-136ds
Milan	2349.67-2357.39	2351.67-2354.77	27-10pr	28-8pr
Oslo	11.7672-11.8246	11.7672-11.7827	3-1pr	5-2pr
Paris	10.7933-10.8247	10.8046-10.8160	⅛-⅛ds	¾-1⅛ds
Stckhlm	10.9532-10.9896	10.9532-10.9628	4-3⅞pr	11-10⅞pr
Tokyo	222.00-222.97	222.16-222.46	1⅝-1pr	4-3⅞pr
Vienna	22.20-22.31	22.20-22.23	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅞-4⅜pr
Zurich	2.6555-2.6604	2.6569-2.6602	12½-11pr	35-33pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	26.75-26.90
Australia dollar	2.1322-2.1360
Bahrain dinar	0.6695-0.6735
Brazil cruzado *	875.78-880.52
Cyprus pound	0.8250-0.8350
Finland marka	7.4550-7.4950
Greece drachma	259.50-261.50
Hong Kong dollar	13.8476-13.8573
India rupee	26.55-26.75
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4975-0.5015
Malaysia ringgit	4.7538-4.7619
Mexico peso	3990-4090
New Zealand dollar	2.8247-2.8309
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6625-6.7025
Singapore dollar	3.4926-3.5000
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9705-7.1140
S Africa rand (com)	4.3408-4.3487
U A E dirham	6.5225-6.5625

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4970-1.4985
Singapore	1.9710-1.9740
Malaysia	2.6820-2.6850
Australia	1.2029-1.2043
Canada	1.2340-1.2350
Sweden	6.1780-6.1830
Norway	6.6450-6.6500
Denmark	6.8770-6.8820
W Germany	1.7878-1.7885
Switzerland	1.4995-1.5002
Netherlands	2.0135-2.0145
France	6.0900-6.0930
Japan	125.50-125.60
Italy	1325.5-1326.5
Belgium (Com)	37.41-37.44
Hong Kong	7.8125-7.8135
Portugal	147.35-147.45
Spain	117.28-117.38
Austria	12.51-12.52

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 12½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12 Low 10½ Week fixed: 12
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 11²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth — 11²¹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth — 11¹⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth — 11¹⁹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11²⁵⁄₃₂-11⅞
2 mth: 11²³⁄₃₂-⅝ 3 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝ 6 mth 11⁷⁄₁₆-11⅜
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⅜
2 mth: 12⅜ 3 mth: 12⅜ 6 mth 12¹⁄₁₆
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12½ close 12
1 week: 12⅛-12 1 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-12 3 mth: 12³⁄₁₆-12⅛
6 mth: 12³⁄₁₆-12⅛ 9 mth: 12⅛-12 12 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-12
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11⅞ 7 day: 11⅞ 1 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 mth: 12⅛ 6 mth: 12⅛ 12 mth: 12
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12⅛-12 2 mth: 12⅛-12 3 mth: 12⅛-12
6 mth: 12⅛-12 9 mth: 12⅛-11⅞ 12 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-11⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11³¹⁄₃₂-²⁹⁄₃₂
3 mth: 12⅛-12 6 mth: 12⅛-12 12 mth 11⅞-11⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.40-8.35
3 mth: 8.70-8.65 6 mth: 8.70-8.65 12 mth 8.70-8.65

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1988. Agreed rates Nov 26, 1988 to Dec 25, 1988. Scheme I: 13.07 per cent. Schemes II & III: 13.27 per cent. Reference rate Oct 1, 1988 to Oct 31, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 12.035 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⁵⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 8¾-7¾				
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4¾	5-4⅞	5¹⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 4⅜-3⅞				
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7¾	8⅛-8	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅜-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-3⅞	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	4⅛-4	4⅛-4
Call: 4-3				
Yen:	4-3⅞	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆	4⁵⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 3⅜-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $422.00-422.50 Close: $418.25-418.75
High: $422.50-423.00 Low: $417.50-418.00

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $430.00-435.00 (£243.00-246.00)
Krugerrand: $418.00-421.00 (£236.25-238.25)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $430.00-435.00 (£243.00-246.00)
American Eagles: $430.00-435.00 (£243.00-246.00)
New Sovereigns: $99.00-100.00 (£56.00-56.75)
Old Sovereigns: $99.00-100.00 (£56.00-56.75)
Platinum: $574.50 (£323.85)
Palladium: $125.00 (£70.45)
Silver: $6.39-6.41 (£3.610-3.625)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 14159		
Dec 88	184.50	186.00	184.30	185.90	2468
Mar 89	187.60	187.60	187.60	187.90	3
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 47592		
Dec 88	87.83	87.87	87.83	87.86	3527
Mar 89	88.16	88.24	88.16	88.23	2523
Jun 89	88.70	88.72	88.70	88.71	175
Sep 89	89.03	89.06	89.03	89.06	18
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 31714		
Dec 88	91.17	91.19	91.15	91.18	3816
Mar 89	91.28	91.32	91.28	91.29	3752
Jun 89	91.22	91.23	91.21	91.21	516
Sep 89	91.12	91.13	91.10	91.10	253

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 13293		
Dec 88	89-11	89-22	89-11	89-18	6691
Mar 89	89-04	89-04	89-04	89-04	100
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 34272		
Dec 88	96-25	96-28	96-23	96-23	9264
Mar 89	97-10	97-10	97-07	97-06	432
Jun 89	NT	—	—	—	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 868		
Dec 88	106.64	106.65	106.20	106.30	446
Mar 89	105.73	105.84	105.30	105.40	5
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 8874		
Dec 88	97.27	97.40	97.20	97.32	4499
Mar 89	96.72	96.80	96.72	96.73	11

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Reports that Saudi had offered a 10 cents/barrel reduction on December loadings by Japanese customers, gave a bearish tone to the market, and brought prices down. Screen led gas oil was the weakest element of a softer products market.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	12.60	-15
15 day Nov	12.60	-15
15 day Dec	12.80	-20
WTI Dec	13.80	-25
WTI Jan	13.70	-30

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		175-182	
Gasoil EEC	-2	126-127	-3
Non 1H Nov	-2	122-123	-2
Non 1H Dec	-2	121-122	-2
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	59-61	-1
Naphtha	-1	130-132	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Nov 88 Hi 1470-1460 Low Close 1467
Dec 88 Hi 1490-1485 Low Close 1491
Jan 89 Hi 1505-1495 Low Close 1505
Apr 89 Hi 1543-1534 Low Close 1540
Vol 149 lots Open interest 2756
Dry cargo index 1415.0 +5.0 on 7/11/88

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Nov 122.75-22.50
Dec 121.50-21.25
Jan 120.75-20.50
Feb 119.50-19.00
Mar 116.00-15.75
Apr 114.00-13.50
May 113.25-12.50
Vol 7851

BRENT G W Joynson
Dec 12.82-12.81
Jan 12.97-12.95
Vol 2863

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	44.5	43.0
Feb	65.0	66.0
Apr	94.3	94.7
May	105.5	106.0

Vol 174

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Dec 853-852 Sep 856-855
Mar 854-853 Dec 886-885
May 850-849 Mar 905-902
Jul 852-849 Vol 6549

COFFEE G W Joynson
Nov 1078-1075 Jul 1110-1105
Jan 1098-1095 Sep 1125-1116
Mar 1104-1100 Nov 1128-1115
May 1104-1100 Vol 2008

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 1238
Dec 238.0-36.0 Aug 219.0-18.0
Mar 229.2-29.0 Oct 216.4-15.2
May 223.4-23.2 Dec 214.6-09.6

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 167
Nv 108.60 Ja 111.85 Mr 115.05
My 118.10 Jn 119.60 Sp 102.80
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 168
Nv 104.40 Ja 107.65 Mr 110.95
My 112.60 Sp 99.40 Nv 102.30

SOYABEAN
Dec 172.9-72.5 Jun 168.0-66.5
Feb 179.5-78.8 Aug 166.0-62.5
Apr 178.1-77.8 Oct 168.5-63.0
Vol 195

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1824.0-1825.0	1634.0-1635.0	487350	Firmer
Copper Stand	1740.0-1760.0	1680.0-1700.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	375.50-376.00	374.50-375.00	66825	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde*	1515.0-1516.0	1414.0-1416.0	86300	Firm
Silver Large†	646.00-647.00	659.00-660.00	20	Quiet
Silver Small†	646.00-647.00	659.00-660.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1420.0-1421.0	1345.0-1350.0	62075	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	2555.0-2565.0	2408.0-2412.0	162950	Firm
Nickel*	11760-11800	10875-10900	7590	Steadier

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	95.0	95.3
Feb	92.8	93.0
Apr	97.0	97.0
Jun	98.6	98.6

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	115.0	115.0
Jan	117.5	117.5
Feb	117.8	117.5

Vol Pig-12 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 8

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	77.03	175.08	112.63
GB (+/-)	+5.0*	+13.07	+2.54
Eng/Wal (%)	-2.7	+23.8	+18.1
Eng/Wal (p)	77.39	175.48	110.84
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+5.70	+14.58	+3.00
Scotland (%)	+25.4	+26.6	+7.2
Scotland (p)	75.42	173.70	116.89
Scotland (+/-)	+1.37	+8.45	+1.94

* Estimated dead carcase weight

مكبر من الاصل

WALL STREET

	Nov 7	Nov 4
AMR Cp	48	48⅝
ASA	40½	40⅞
Aetna Life	48½	49⅛
Allied Signal	32⅞	34⅛
Allis Chlm	½	½
Alcoa	54½	54¾
Amax Inc	22⅞	23
AMR Hess	29⅞	28⅝
Am Brands	54⅜	54⅞
Am Cynmd	47⅞	48⅝
Am Ele Pwr	27⅛	27⅜
Amexs	26⅝	27⅛
Am Family	13⅝	13⅝
Am Home	80⅝	81⅞
Am Int Grp	64⅜	66
Am Telph	28½	28½
Amoco Cp	73	73⅜
Anheusr B	32	32⅝
Arch Dan	20⅞	20⅞
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅞
Asarco Inc	26⅞	27⅛
Ashland Oil	35⅝	35⅞
Atl Richfld	78⅛	78⅞
Avon Prod	21⅞	21⅞
Bk Boston	24⅞	24⅜
Bank NY	35⅝	35⅞
Bankamer	18⅛	18⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	37⅞	37⅞
Baxter	17	17¼
Beth Steel	21½	21½
Boeing	63⅞	64⅛
Boise Casc	41¾	43
Borden	57	57⅛
Brstl Meyr	43½	43¾
BP	53	52¾
Brunswick	18⅝	18½
Burl Nth	70⅞	70⅞
CBS	175¼	178¼
CMS Engy	24⅞	25¾
CPC Int	51⅛	53
CSX Cp	30⅞	30⅝
Camp Soup	32⅞	32½
Can Pacific	16⅞	16⅝
Caterpillar	60¼	61
Centrl SW	31½	31⅛
Champion	31¾	32¼
Chase Man	28½	28¾
Chem Bank	31⅛	32⅝
Chevron	45	45⅛
Chrysler	25⅞	25⅞
Citicorp	25	25⅛
Clark Eq	30⅝	30⅝
Coca Cola	42½	43⅝
Colgate	44¾	46
Columb Gas	33⅞	34
Cmb'tn Eng	28	28½
Cmwlth Edi	31⅝	32¾
Cons Edis	45⅝	46⅛
Consol Ng	38⅞	38⅝
Cont Data	19⅞	20
Corning Gl	66⅞	67½
Crane	23½	24⅛
Curtiss W	49	49⅝
Data Genl	18¾	18⅝
Deere Co	45¼	46¾
Delta Airl	50⅝	51⅛
Detroit Edl	16⅝	16⅝
Digital Eq	93	94¼
Disney	63	63⅞
Dow Chem	86½	87⅞
Dressr Ind	27¼	27¼
Dupont	82¼	82¼
Duke Pwr	46⅞	47¼
East Kodak	45⅝	46⅛
Eaton Cp	50⅞	51
Emerson El	30⅛	30½
Emery Air	4⅜	4⅝
Exxon	43⅝	44½
Farah Inc	9⅜	9¾
Fedders	11⅛	11⅛
Fst Chicago	32⅞	32
Fst Int Bncp	47⅞	48
Fst Penn C	12⅝	12¼
FT Wachva	38	38⅝
Ford Motor	51	49⅝
GAF Cp	48¼	48⅜
GTE Cp	43	43½
Gen Cp	20⅝	20⅝
Gn Dynam	52⅞	53⅛
Gen Electnc	43⅛	43⅜
Gen Inst	23⅜	23⅜
Gen Mills	52⅞	54½
Gen Motors	82½	83⅜
Gen Pub Ut	36⅛	36⅝
Genesco	5	4⅞
Georgia Pac	35⅛	35½
Gillette	35½	36
Goodrich	55⅜	56
Goodyear	51⅞	52
Gould	n.a	n.a
Grace Co	26½	28⅛
Grt Atl Pac	44⅜	44⅞
Greyhnd	30⅞	31⅝
Gruman	22½	22¾
Gulf Westn	39⅝	39¾
Heinz	45⅞	47⅛
Hercules	45¾	45⅝
Hewlett Pk	48⅛	48½
Honeywell	62⅝	62¾
IC Ind	34⅞	35⅜
ITT Cp	51⅜	51⅛
INCO	28½	29⅜
Ing Rand Wi	33½	32⅞
Inland Steel	38¾	38½
IBM	119⅝	120½
Int Paper	46⅜	46⅞
Irving Bk	76⅞	77
Jhns & Jhns	85⅞	86⅛
K Mart	36⅞	36⅝
Kerr McGee	37	n a
Kmbrly Clrk	58¾	37½
Knght Rdr	45	58½
Kraft	102⅞	103¼
Kroger	18⅜	18⅞
LTV Cp	2¾	2⅝
Litton	71⅞	72⅜
Lockheed	41⅜	43
Lone Star	30⅝	31¼
Man H'nver	28	28¼
Manville	1½	1½
Mapco	54	54⅜
Marriott	30⅝	30⅞
Mt Marrieta	42⅝	43⅜
Masco Cp	26½	26¼
Mcdonalds	45⅜	47
McDonnell	78½	78⅝
Mead Cp	43⅛	43⅜
Merck	57⅛	58
Minsta Mng	60⅝	60¼
Mobil	44⅜	44¼
Monsanto	77½	78½
Montedison	15⅜	15¼
Morgan Jp	35¼	35
Motorola	38½	39
NCR	55⅝	55¼
NL Indstrs	5⅝	5¾
Nat Md Ent	22⅝	22⅜
Nat Semi	9⅝	9½
Norfolk Sth	30⅜	30½
NW Bancrp	32¼	32½
Occid Petl	26⅜	26⅜
Ogden Cp	29¾	30
Olin Cp	47⅝	48⅛
PPG Ind	39⅞	40¼
Pac Enterp	39⅛	39½
Pac Gas El	17½	17⅜
Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝
Penney JC	53⅜	54
Pennzoil	74⅜	75⅜
Pepsico	39⅞	40⅝
Pfizer	56	56⅛
Phelps Dod	47⅞	48½
Philip Mor	94½	95⅛
Philip Ptrl	19	19⅛
Pillsbury	59	60⅜
Polaroid	37⅛	37½
Primerica	29½	29
Proct Gble	82⅞	84⅛
Pub S E G	24½	24⅜
R Nabisco	87⅛	85⅝
Raytheon	70½	71
Rynlds Metl	52⅞	54¾
Rockwell Int	20⅝	21¾
Royal Dutch	110⅝	110⅛
SFE Sopac	17⅝	17⅛
Sara Lee	45⅜	46⅞
Schlumb	33⅝	33½
Scott Paper	38¾	38⅜
Seagram	56⅜	57⅜
Sears Roeb	43⅜	44¾
Sec Pac	38¼	38⅝
Shell Trans	69¾	69⅝
Smith Beck	43⅜	44
Sony Cp	46	46⅜
SW Bell	40¼	40⅝
Squibb	66⅜	67⅛
Sun Comp	30	30½
TDK	60	61⅛
TRW Inc	42½	43
Teledyne	331¾	333⅜
Tenneco	49⅝	50¼
Texaco	46⅝	46⅞
Tex Eastn	27	27¾
Texas Inst	37⅛	37¾
Tex Utd	28	29
Textron	24⅛	24⅜
Travelers	35⅝	35⅛
UAL Cp	97	97¾
USG Cp	6⅛	6⅛
USX Cp	27½	27⅞
Unilever Plc	33¼	34⅜
Un Carbide	25⅛	26
Un Pac Cp	61⅞	62⅜
Unisys Cp	27	26⅜
Unit Brand	17⅞	18⅜
Us West	57⅝	57⅝
Utd Tech	40⅞	41
Unocal	36½	37¼
Warn Lamb	74	74⅛
Wells Far	68¾	69½
Westg El	52	52¾
Weyershr	24¼	24½
Whirlpool	26½	26¼
Woolworth	52⅛	53⅜
Xerox Cp	57¾	58¾
Zenith	19⅝	19⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

	Nov 7	Nov 4
Agnico Eag	13⅜	13½
Alcan Alum	38⅝	38¾
Algoma Stl	n.a	n.a
Can Pacific	20	20⅝
Cominco	20¾	21¼
Con Bathrst	14¾	15¾
Hawk S Can	20½	21
Hud Bay M	21	21
Imasco	26¾	27
Imperial Oil	47	47⅝
Inco	35⅝	35⅞
Royl Trstco	16	16¾
Seagram	69⅝	70¾
Shelco 'A'	39	21⅛
Thmsn N 'A'	28⅝	28⅞
Vanty Cp	3.50	3.50
WCT	15¾	16¾
Weston	35¼	36¼

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*466)	420	60	74	–	7½	13	–
	460	33	46	60	21	29	40
	500	16	28	40	46	52	60
Bass (*816)	750	75	95	115	12	17	23
	800	40	60	80	28	37	42
	850	15	33	55	60	65	70
Brit Air (*169)	140	31	35	–	1½	4	–
	160	16	21	26	6	9	13
	180	5	10	14	17	19	25
Brit Com (*244)	220	31	40	45	4	7	9
	240	20	26	30	10	14	17
	260	9	16	21	22	24	28
Brit Gas (*165)	140	29	29	32½	1	2	3
	160	11	13	17½	3	5¼	7
	180	2½	4½	8	16	17	18
BP (*250)	220	35	37½	39	1½	4½	5½
	240	18	20	25	4½	11	13
	260	6½	9½	14	14	22	24
Cons Gold (*1191)	1100	155	190	–	40	60	–
	1150	120	165	210	60	83	100
	1200	95	135	185	80	105	130
Courtauld (*288)	280	21	30	35	10	14	20
	300	11	19	25	23	24	32
	330	4	10	14	45	46	52
Com Union (*338)	330	23	32	39	9	19	21
	360	8	14	25	25	38	40
	390	1½	8	–	54	62	–
C & W (*391)	350	47	57	–	7	13	–
	390	25	36	47	16	21	28
	420	12	21	30	35	40	46
GEC (*175)	140	39	41	–	1	2	–
	160	21	23	27	3	5½	8
	180	6½	11	17	10	14	16
GKN (*331)	300	42	49	54	3	10	13
	330	20	29	35	12	21	24
	360	9	13	22	29	41	44
Grand Met (*453)	420	45	51	63	5	13	16½
	454	22	28	–	18	28	–
	493	7½	13½	–	44	52	–
	542	1½	5½	–	93	95	–
ICI (*1025)	950	98	110	–	9	26	–
	1000	65	77	–	20	45	–
	1050	33	47	–	47	72	–
	1100	17	32	57	85	105	109
Jaguar (*277)	240	48	54	62	4	9	14
	260	32	40	50	9	16	21
	280	19	28	38	17	28	33
	300	11	19	–	29	38	–
Land Sec (*592)	500	102	113	–	3	6	–
	550	57	72	85	8	11	18
	600	23	40	53	25	30	38
M & S (*159)	140	22	26	–	2	4½	–
	160	7	13	17	7½	9½	14
	180	2	6	9½	23	25	30
R-Royce (*134)	120	19	25	–	2	4	–
	130	10½	16	21	4½	7½	9
	140	5½	10½	13	10	12	15
STC (*281)	260	32	36	–	6	10	–
	280	17	25	32	13	17	20
	300	8	14	22	24	29	32
Sainsbury (*205)	180	28	34	38	2	4	6
	200	14	20	25	7	11	14
	220	5	11	16	21	22	25
Shell (*976)	950	58	77	90	18	37	38
	1000	29	47	65	42	62	67
	1050	14	25	44	83	97	97
Storehse (*171)	180	8	14	20	16	18	23
	200	4	7½	13	32	34	34
	220	2	4½	8	51	51	53
Trafalgar (*316)	280	40	42	–	4	5	–
	300	22	28	34	11	14	18
	330	7	13	18	28	32	34
TSB (*108)	90	20	21	–	1	2	–
	100	11½	12½	–	2	4	–
	110	4	6½	8	5½	7½	8
Utd Bisc (*298)	280	28	37	43	11	14	21
	300	16	26	33	22	25	31
	330	8	16	21	43	44	49
Ultramar (*238)	235	19	27	–	11	16	–
	255	11	19	–	22	27	–
	275	6½	13	–	42	45	–
Woolworth (*244)	240	14	20	25	7	10	15
	260	8	12	17	20	22	25
	280	4	6	10	40	42	43

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*189)	200	6	16	22	14½	20	23
	220	2	9	13	33	33	35
	240	1	4	–	53	53	–
Barclays (*409)	360	52	–	–	1½	–	–
	395	23	–	–	6	–	–
	429	5	–	–	27	–	–
Beecham (*466)	420	48	63	74	3	8	15
	460	18	35	46	15	21	30
	500	4½	18	29	45	48	54
Boots (*227)	200	29	38	43	2	5	8
	220	13	24	30	8	11	14
	240	6	14	20	20	22	25
BTR (*295)	260	38	47	–	1	3	–
	280	20	31	33	4	8	11
	300	10	19	20	11	18	21
Blue Circ (*453)	390	68	82	–	2	5	–
	420	40	58	62	4	10	16
	460	15	32	36	22	26	34
	500	5	16	20	52	54	58
Dixons (*141)	140	8	15	20	7	11	14
	160	2	7	11	21	25	27
	180	1	2½	–	39	41	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Glaxo (*1088)	1050	48	–	–	29	–	–
	1100	25	–	–	57	–	–
	1150	12	–	–	95	–	–
	1200	5	–	–	142	–	–
Hanson (*151)	130	22	23½	–	1	2	–
	140	13	16	18	2	4	5
	160	2½	5¾	7½	13½	15	15½
Hawker (*554)	500	57	77	87	4	10	15
	550	20	40	50	22	27	32
	600	5	13	23	50	65	70
Hillsdown (*266)	260	12	23	28	5	9	13
	280	2½	12	15	19	20	24
	300	½	5	–	36	38	–
Lonrho (*416)	380	66	78	94	7	19	23
	390	45	59	76	16	30	38
	420	26	45	60	28	46	49
Midland (*409)	390	27	40	45	6	14	18
	420	9	22	30	15	30	33
	460	3	8	17	55	60	63
Sears (*128)	120	11½	18½	23	4	7½	9½
	130	6½	13	17	8	13	14
	140	4	9	12	16	16½	21
Tesco (*135)	130	10	15	17	4	6	7
	140	3½	10	12	10	12	14
	160	1½	3½	5	27	27	28
Thorn EMI (*662)	600	72	90	105	3	12	15
	650	30	48	68	13	23	35
	700	10	25	40	43	52	57
THF (*274)	240	39	45	54	2½	8	13
	260	23	33	41	7½	16	21
	280	12	23	31	17	28	32
Unilever (*482)	420	66	78	86	1½	4	8½
	460	29	48	58	7½	15	21
	500	8	23	33	29	34	41
Wellcome (*462)	460	23	43	55	15	26	30
	500	7½	23	36	45	51	54
	550	2	11	20	92	92	93

	Series	Nov	Jan	Mar	Nov	Jan	Mar
Enterprise (*581)	600	23	43	63	43	50	60
	650	8	25	40	80	83	90
	700	4	16	26	127	130	133
RHM (*368)	360	17	25	–	8	17	–
	390	4	12	–	30	37	–
	420	1½	7	–	58	65	–

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*280)	265	17	–	–	1½	–	–
	280	5	15	23	4½	12	16
	300	1	7	14	22	25	27
Brit Aero (*498)	420	81	95	100	1	4	9
	460	42	61	70	2	10	20
	500	9	36	45	11	25	35
	550	1	14	21	55	63	68
BAT Ind (*458)	420	41	57	65	1	6½	12
	460	8½	31	37	10	19	27
	500	1	13	19	44	45	51
Brit Tele (*248)	220	28	33	39	1	3	5
	240	9	17	25	2	8	10
	260	1	8	14	14	19	21
Cadbury (*368)	360	12	34	44	6	22	31
	390	3	21	31	32	42	46
	420	1½	11	20	60	62	67
Guinness (*338)	300	42	52	58	2	4	7
	330	13	28	36	4	11	18
	360	2	12	18	24	26	32
Ladbroke (*446)	390	59	74	–	1	2½	–
	420	31	48	56	2	8	10
	460	5½	22	30	17	23	26
LASMO (*504)	500	20	50	58	18	35	45
	550	6	30	45	55	65	70
	600	2	18	30	101	105	110
Pilkington (*226)	200	28	33	38	2	4	6
	220	10	20	27	4	11	13
	240	3	11	16	16	21	23
Plessey (*172)	140	33	35	37	1	2	3½
	160	14	20	23	1½	6	8
	180	2½	9	12	12	16	18
P & O (*579)	500	85	98	108	2	4	8
	550	35	57	68	3	11	20
	600	5	27	35	25	33	45
Prudential (*155)	160	1½	9	12	7	10	14
	170	½	–	–	17	–	–
	180	½	4	5	27	27	28
Racal (*287)	300	3	17	28	15	26	30
	330	1	8	16	44	47	50
	360	¼	3½	9	74	75	77
RTZ (*455)	390	67	78	93	1	5	9
	420	38	55	69	2½	12	16
	460	9	33	43	18	27	33
Vaal Reefs (*$72)	60	12½	15	16	¾	3½	5
	70	4½	8	10	3½	8	10½
	80	1	4	5½	12	16	17½
Tr 12% 1995 (*108)	106	–	–	–	–	11/32	–
	110	–	15/32	–	1¼	1⅞	–
	112	1/16	⅞	–	3⅝	–	–
	114	1/16	1/16	–	–	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1841)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1700	153	167	168	173	2½	6	11	15
1750	105	120	127	133	5	11	18	25
1800	55	78	88	95	10	20	31	40
1850	22	45	55	67	27	37	48	60
1900	6	19	33	42	65	70	80	87
1950	2	7½	16	23	115	113	116	125
2000	½	—	—	—	165	—	—	—

November 8, 1988 Total: 43867 Calls 33644 Puts 10223 FT-SE: Calls 7752 Puts 3516

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings November 7 Last Dealings November 18 Last Declaration February 9 For Settlement February 20

Call options were taken out on: 8/11/88 Monotype, Boots, Control Securities, Tranwood, Normans Group, Blackwood Hodge, Sears, Lonrho, Waterford Glass, Cadburys, Scottish & Newcastle, M6 Cash & Carry, West Trust, Unigate, Inoco, Exploration Company of Lousiana, Tubular, Chartsearch, BSR.

Puts & Calls: Lonrho, Domino Printing, Trenchwood.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000
ADT	1,620
Abbey	578
Alld-Lyons	790
Amstrad	2,526
ASDA	709
AB Foods	256
Argyll	1,093
BAA	1,573
BET	2,957
BTR	3,729
BAT	955
Barclays	2,205
Bass	956
Beecham	1,198
Beazer	608
Burmah SW	1,789
BICC	268
Blue Arrow	2,111
Blue Circle	755
BOC	856
Boots	1,110
BPB	991
Br Aero	1,833
Br Airways	2,331
Br Comm	4,638
Br Gas	6,066
Br Land	513
Br Petrol	5,203
Br Telecm	4,177
Bunzl	723
Burmah	257
Burton	2,703
C&W	1,841
Cadbury	2,300
Coats	1,836
CU	698
Cons Gold	880
Cookson	4,695
Courtaulds	2,301
Dalgety	351
Dixons	1,189
EEC	244
Enterprise	1,339
Ferranti	5,517
Fisons	968
FKI Babck	934
Gateway Cp	844
Gen Acc	495
GEC	7,784
Glaxo	971
Globe Inv	2,855
Glynwed	293
Granada	6,312
Grand Met	4,233
GUS 'A'	93
GRE	1,194
GKN	1,156
Guinness	1,104
Hamm 'A'	69
Hanson	4,192
H & C	523
Hawker	224
Hillsdown	1,989
IMI	987
ICI	771
Inchcape	517
Jaguar	3,160
Lasmo	1,538
Ladbroke	1,897
Land Sec	458
Laporte	691
L&G	1,025
Lloyds	1,205
Lonrho	5,587
Lucas	788
Magnet	1,903
M&S	1,468
Maxwell Cm	1,128
MB Group	n/a
MEPC	161
Midland	275
NatWest	1,291
Next	3,218
Nth Food	168
P&O	1,638
Pearl	589
Pearson	157
Pilkington	1,393
Plessey	5,705
Polly Peck	1,188
Prudential	835
Racal	6,405
Racal Tele	2,295
Rk Hovis	1,906
Rank	224
R&C	371
Redland	350
Reed	1,491
Reuters	525
RMC Gp	1,058
RTZ	1,640
R-Royce	7,837
Rothmn 'B'	452
Royal Bank	1,707
Royal Ins	1,390
Saatchi	1,032
Sainsbury	3,935
Scot & N	632
Sears	5,094
Sedgwick	180
Shell	1,548
Siebe	272
Slough	679
Smith & N	414
Smith WH	337
Smiths Ind	181
STC	588
Stan Chart	253
Storehse	1,506
Sun Allnce	680
T & N	3,515
Tarmac	1,593
Tate & Lyle	516
Taylor Wood	297
TSB	2,643
Tesco	4,130
Thorn EMI	1,211
Trafalgar	946
THF	6,157
Ultramar	283
Unigate	442
Unilever	1,101
United Bis	1,428
Utd News	183
Wellcome	1,201
Whtbrd	1,977
Williams	700
Wilks Fab	295
Wimpey G	720
Woolworth	1,108

NEW YORK

Dow up on election forecasts

New York, (Reuter) — Stocks were higher over a broad range after an early rally on expectations of an election victory for Mr George Bush, the Republican candidate, and a rise in bond prices. The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 8.01 points at 2,132.65 after an earlier surge to 2,139.40.

Several other analysts have said profit-taking would be the most likely reaction to a Bush victory.

Mr Jack Conlon, executive vice president of Nikko, said traders' positions were light on election day, putting them in a position to buy on a Bush win.

● **Tokyo** — Share prices staged a recovery in the afternoon to end near their highs and above the 28,000 resistance line, brokers said. The Nikkei index rose 140.91 points, or 0.51 per cent, to close at 28,007.27, near the day's high of 28,008.15, after hitting a low of 27,767.43 in early trade.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index was at 2,587.02 points at 7.15 a.m. GMT when traders were evacuated from the exchange when a fire broke out. The index was 20 points up on the previous close.

● **Frankfurt** — The real-time 30-share DAX index closed higher at 1,287.88, up 16.75 points, or 1.3 per cent, from the previous close.

STOCK MARKET

Bid talk pushes Racal higher

Speculation is mounting that Lord Weinstock, chairman of **GEC**, is about to make a large dent in his £1.5 billion cash mountain by bidding for **Racal**, the rival electronics group, which recently floated off 20 per cent of its Vodafone subsidiary, Racal Telecommunications group.

On a turnover of 6.4 million shares, Racal advanced 6p to 287p on talk that Lord Weinstock is aware that unless GEC realizes its underlying value by way of large joint ventures or acquisitions, a predator will do the job for it.

Recently, there has been heavy buying of GEC's shares on Wall Street following reports that a big investment bank is running a feasibility study on a US corporate raid on GEC which is perceived by many US analysts as being a perfect break-up bid target.

Such speculation has forced Lord Weinstock into immediate defensive action and he is already said to have approached his old friend Sir Eric Sharp, head of Cable and Wireless, with a view to giving C&W the option to buy the Vodafone interests once he swallows Racal.

Shares of GEC continued to rally from October's depressed level of about 165p and closed 3p better at 175p on a turnover of nearly 8 million shares.

Elsewhere, prices staged a positive rally as dealers looked forward to an election victory for Mr George Bush, the Republican presidential candidate.

The FT-SE 100-share index rebounded 20.9 points from recent depressed levels to 1,840.6 as Wall Street showed an early double-figure rise, while the narrower FT 30-share index closed 16 points higher at 1,491.0.

Analysts, however, were generally of the opinion that the rise potential is limited because investors will soon begin to worry again about the US trade and budget deficits and how the President-elect will go about rectifying the situation. They believe that the FT-SE 100 will trade within a range of 1,810 and 1,860 in the short term.

Gilt-edged stocks moved up £¼ in thin trading.

The surprise appointment of Sir Michael Edwardes as non-executive chairman of **Charter Consolidated**, the mining and industrial holding group, in which Minorco holds a 36 per cent stake, helped the shares advance 20p to 477p, after a high of 482p.

Speculators also chased **Johnson Matthey**, the precious metals group, in which Charter Consolidated owns a 38 per cent stake, 7.5p higher to 387p, after 392p. Talk is that Sir Michael, who spearheaded Minorco's £2.9 billion bid for Consolidated Goldfields, will swallow the remaining 62 per cent of JM that Charter does not already own and then use JM for his (Minorco's) British vehicle.

Another story was that Charter will sell its stake in JM to **Cookson**, the conglomerate, which already has a 6.3 per cent interest in JM. "One thing is for sure, JM's days of independence certainly look numbered," one broker said. Cookson remained at 277p.

Cape Industries, the scaffolding and building materials group, also reflected speculation that Charter Consolidated, now that Sir Michael is at the helm, will bid for the remaining 26 per cent of the group's equity it does not already own. Its shares advanced 17p to 176p.

George Wimpey, the construction and housebuilding group, moved against the trend, closing 2p lower at 258p, after 256p, on reports of a line of 2.8 million shares overhanging the market.

After rising from the early September level of 228p to a peak of 283p in October, the share price has drifted lower as the rumoured bid failed to materialize and investors decided to take profits.

Nevertheless, many City folk still believe that a bid for Wimpey is on the cards. They point to the strong advance in the shares during September and October and are convinced that someone has built a stake approaching 4.9 per cent in the company and is negotiating the purchase of the Grove Charity Trust's 35 per cent shareholding.

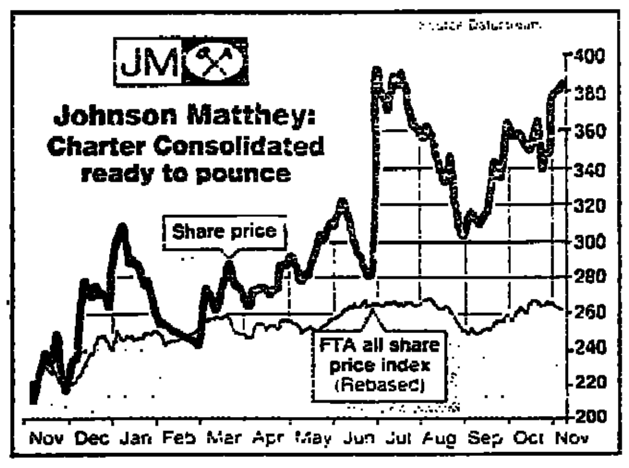
London & Scottish Marine Oil (Lasmo) jumped 10p to 504p and shares of fellow independent oil group **Enterprise Oil** moved up 9p to 581p as Lasmo shareholders agreed to the proposed sale of its 25 per cent stake in Enterprise at an egm.

Lasmo first announced its intention to sell the stake — 81.8 million shares — in September, soon after being on the receiving end of an abortive dawn raid from Sir Denis Rooke's British Gas.

Geoffrey Foster

Mr Paul Deacon, analyst at Goldman Sachs, the US broker, believes Marks and Spencer shares are a good buy after last week's fall which followed poor interim results. He says they remain the sector's quality play. M&S shares closed 1p higher at 159p.

Watch Lloyds Chemist, which recently acquired a chain of stores from Next. Speculation is that Macarthy, the pharmaceutical group, which failed to acquire Unichem, is preparing a bid.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MEDIA & MARKETING

The White Paper on Broadcasting: BBC TV's managing director and the IBA's chairman look forward to the debate to come

Time for the viewers' view

OPINION

Paul Fox

Despite the fact that so much of it had been leaked in advance, the White Paper on Broadcasting in the 1990s still contains one or two surprises. "Competition, choice and quality" is a catchy title that does seem to cater for all tastes. Whether it really will live up to that phrase will be seen in the months ahead.

There is a long way to go: a lot to debate. While some of the broadcasters may have had their say over breakfast meetings, the people all this really affects – the viewers – have been largely silent. Now is the time for them to speak up.

What the viewers have got to decide is whether they want to pay more for more television. Because that is what subscription means: more money for films; more money for sport; more money for news; more money for drama. There is not a subscription channel in the world which offers a full range of programmes for £1.20 a week, the price of the present-day BBC licence fee. On April 1, in line with the retail price index, it goes up £1.27 a week. For that sum – less than a week's supply of *The Times* – we all get two television channels and four radio channels.

From a BBC point of view, there is something to relish in the White Paper. The Government agrees with the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee that the BBC "is still, and will remain for the foreseeable future, the cornerstone of British Broadcasting". It continues: "The BBC has a special role. It will continue to be expected to provide high quality programmes across the full range of public tastes and interests, including both programmes of popular appeal and programmes of minority interest." As someone who has come back to the BBC after 15 years away, I understand what is being said: the BBC is rather good at making programmes and one would like to think that it will be enabled to go on doing so for a long time.

As a former ITV man, I am sorry about a number of things. First, the dismissal of the IBA is brutal: the IBA has done a lot of good for British broadcasting. The new tenants at Brompton Road are not to be envied: they won't enjoy dealing with Messrs. Maxwell and Murdoch. There are some curious gaps in the so-called Channel 3 line-up: for one thing, the number of independent companies is not spelled out. Will there still be 15 – as at present – or will the regional bases be cut down to the five or six prosperous ones? And what about ITV's education programmes?

Entirely predictable, the big winners in the reshuffle will be the new owners of Channel 5. No regional programming for them, let alone any educational programming; they will be able to run a strictly commercial service to more than 70 per cent of the United Kingdom from January 1, 1993.

The obligations on them for any semblance of public service broadcasting are minimal; they can more or less do as they wish. This looks suspiciously like the renewal of a licence to print money.

In the final analysis, only one thing really matters: where is the best value for the viewers? In their election manifesto this Government pledged to preserve "the high standards which we have traditionally enjoyed in British Broadcasting". That pledge is what the debate is going to be about in the 18 months it will take to put the White Paper on the statute book.

Paul Fox is the managing director of BBC Network Television.

Too much, too quickly

Lord Thomson makes no attempt to veil his distate for the Government's plans.

Richard Evans reports

Grim picture: there is "a real risk that the BBC will be driven into a sort of cultural ghetto", Lord Thomson claims

Upstairs in his eighth-floor office in Knightsbridge, the chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, had by late yesterday morning been on the go for several hours after rising early for radio interviews. The Broadcasting White Paper announcement that the IBA will be replaced in 1990 merely confirmed what he had known privately for two or three months.

But perhaps it was the relief of having the death sentence out in the open that provoked the former Labour minister and EEC Commissioner into his most outspoken attack on the Government's plans.

Lord Thomson is escaping the hangman's noose. He will retire at the end of December, having declined Douglas Hurd's invitation to stay on, and appears to chuckle quietly at the Government's embarrassing failure so far to find a successor.

On January 1 he will be free to speak his mind in the House of Lords. Their Lordships are in for a treat if yesterday's warnings about "near-anarchy" in broadcasting and a "cultural ghetto" in the BBC are anything to go by.

Created by a Conservative Government and now destroyed by a Conservative Government of a different hue, the IBA is a victim of the times, Lord Thomson admits.

Some IBA officials admitted yesterday that they had at times wanted to "go into a corner and sob" during recent months as the Government-led onslaught against it gained pace. The IBA's 14,000 employees have carried out the tasks laid down by Parliament; now the rules are being changed and their future is far from certain.

While Lord Thomson went out of his way on Monday evening to boost the moral of headquarters staff, his fundamental worry is about the "inadequacies of the proposals that the Government has put forward".

He fears that plans to subcontract engineering work now done by 900 employees will result in blank screens and worse reception for viewers. And he questions the Home Secretary's confidence in achieving wider choice and higher quality. "The two do not ride easily together. Wider choice in other countries has generally meant lower quality."

Although he readily accepts that the IBA has made mistakes, he insists it is a unique British achievement in having created a quality public service broadcasting system that was commercially funded. Only last week Italian ministers and officials visited the IBA to seek advice on how to restore order to the "anarchy" of their own broadcasting system and were slightly perplexed to be told the authority was to be closed down.

"There is a very radical Government, but it runs the risk of wanting change for change's sake. One of the major criticisms of this White Paper is that it is seeking too many reforms too quickly.

"I hope it will get a very rigorous scrutiny both in the general debate between now and the introduction of the Broadcasting Bill and when the Bill comes into Parliament which will result in substantial changes.

"I think they have gone so much overboard in terms of promoting more competitive contractors that that kind of fragmentation may produce a period of considerable near-anarchy in our broadcasting system."

Slicing up the new Channel 5 into a number of time segments, having two separate night-time franchises, auctioning ITV franchises, and making Channel 4 sell its own advertising could make many channel licences commercially unattractive unless standards were dramatically reduced.

He believes the Government should have allowed the existing four channels to compete against the new satellite operators before introducing legislation. "I think the time for a really radical Broadcasting Bill was not 1988, but 1998."

The Prime Minister and her colleagues regarded broadcasting as simply an economic activity and did not realize it was much more than that. "It really is right at the heart of the cultural vitality of the nation."

Lord Thomson accepts there is a place on television for "amiable rubbish", but he is afraid ITV will be forced to abandon its public service broadcasting role. His fears about the future of the BBC are equally strong.

"I think there will be a very real risk the BBC will be driven into a sort of cultural ghetto . . . which will be a great deprivation of the real role that the BBC has played over the years."

As the argument for pay-as-you-view television gained pace at the expense of the BBC licence fee, many poor people would simply not be able to afford to watch BBC programmes.

> **'That kind of fragmentation may produce a period of considerable near-anarchy in our broadcasting system'**

Dirty tactics

Who really slung all that mud in the US elections?

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The parole programme was already in place when Dukakis was elected governor: in fact, he ended it. But in a campaign almost devoid of reasoned argument, mudslinging advertising was pivotal. Each candidate spent around £17 million on advertising.

Bush had a lean, clear-thinking team, headed by the political consultant and media guru Roger Ailes, with Sig Rogich, president of R&R Advertising, of Las Vegas, as director and Ed Ney, former chairman of Young and Rubicam, as chief adviser.

They turned, among others, to Dennis Frankenberry, of Frankenberry, Laughlin and Constable of Milwaukee, who created the prison ad. Three agencies specializing in the important Spanish American market were also brought in.

By contrast, the Dukakis campaign was top heavy. The political consultant Tom Kiley formed a committee of agency directors like Carl M. Susnjara, president of Saatchi & Saatchi DFS North America, and Henry Bernard, former vice-chairman of Ogilvy & Mather. They gave their services free, commissioning ads from a widespread team.

In September, with the Dukakis ad campaign in trouble, David D'Alessandro, an insurance executive, took charge as ad director. Dukakis was soon striking back with negative ads about Bush's negative ads. And so the pattern was set: never mind the policies, feel the aggression. One estimate says that this year's campaigns consisted of 70 per cent negative advertising.

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Brushing up a poor image

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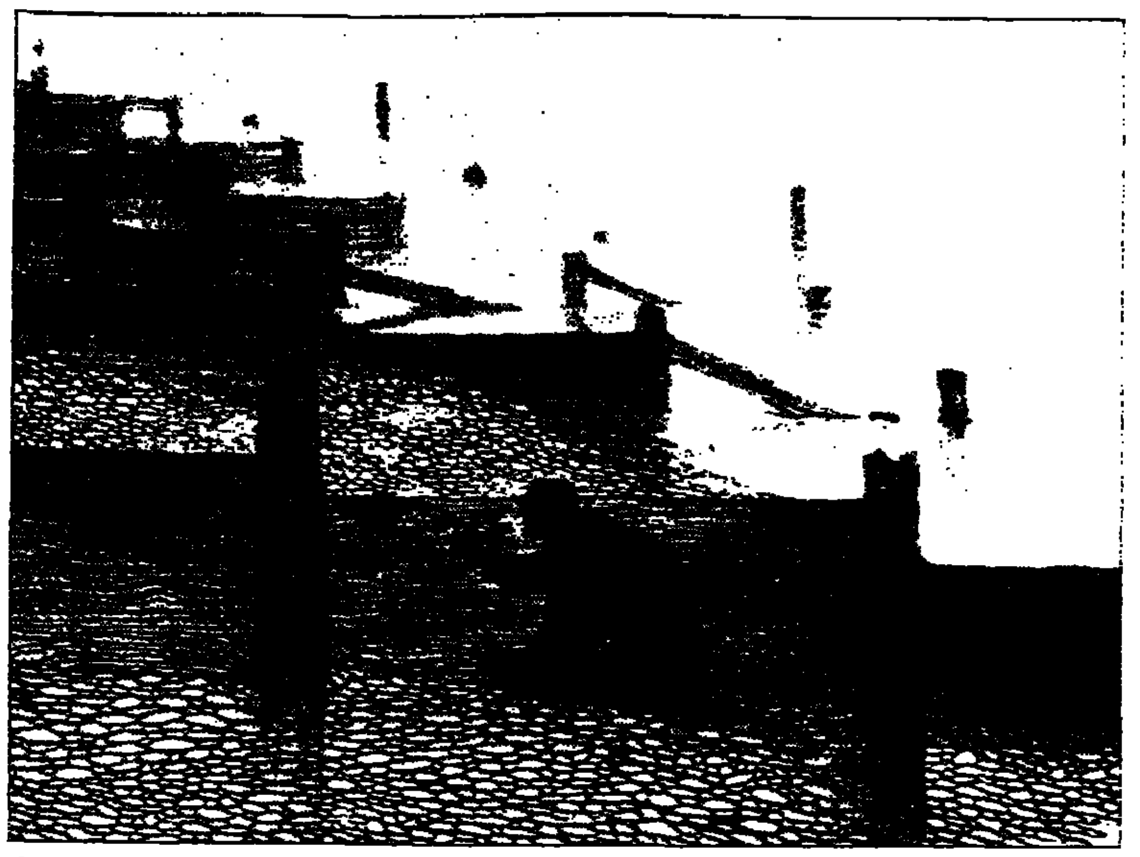

Charles Keeping's *Classic Tales of the Macabre*: a short-listed entry in the W.H. Smith Illustration Awards

Ever since the 18th-century MP, earl, essayist and printer Horace Walpole scornfully dismissed the wood-cut book illustrations of the day as "slovenly stamps", British illustrators have been working to improve their reputation.

Today they are considered to be among the most imaginative, stylish and avant-garde in the world. "Britain is regarded internationally as a place where exciting and interesting things are going on in illustration," says Dr Leo de Freitas, a lecturer in the history of illustration and organizer of this year's £3,000 W.H. Smith Illustration Awards, the results of which will be announced next week. "We are seen to have sustained a level of excellence."

Yet, in Britain itself illustrators are frequently regarded as the media's poor relations, under-appreciated and underpaid by comparison with their camera-wielding counterparts.

"There is still the opinion that illustration is a cottage industry, something that married women do while their children are growing up," says Steven Wells, senior administrator of the Association of Illustrators. "Photographers are in a different league altogether."

It was to alter this view that a group of illustrators founded the association 15 years ago. Despite its membership of 1,300 illustrators, agents and clients, Wells admits there is still a lot to be done. The problems include the failure of clients to return artwork, changes to artwork, disagreements over copyright and, most contentious, fees. "There will always be newly-graduated illustrators who are prepared to do jobs for next to nothing," Wells says.

He cites the illustrator who recently received £60 for 20 illustrations for a publisher's promotional material, while another earned £10,000 designing five labels for an advertising campaign.

Complaints of book publishers' unsympathetic attitudes and unrealistic wages are common among professional illustrators. "We have always felt that artists should get royalties and good advances," says Amelia Edwards, an art director with the recently-established children's publisher Walker Books, regarded by illustrators as one of the few to pay acceptable fees, with advances of £4,000 to £10,000. "Photographers always get the best deal going, but illustrators never do."

Because of the high costs of photography, it is frequently in the client's interest to use illustration. "We are going to pay between a half and two-thirds of the price to have something drawn rather than photographed," admits Martin Walsh, a deputy creative director at the advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi, who expects to pay between £2,500 and £5,000 for poster artwork.

The new professionalism of illustrators is reflected in the growing number of their agents and galleries that deal exclusively in their artwork. Newspapers and magazines are also recognizing their potential, with a handful of publications, such as the *New Scientist*, using them on their covers. Chris Jones, the *New Scientist*'s art director, pays a set fee of £400 for illustrated covers, and believes that they become stale less quickly than photographed ones.

While acknowledging the extensive talents of his fellow professionals, *The Times* illustrator Peter Brookes, *one of the judges of* the W.H. Smith awards, is unimpressed by much of the illustrative work being produced in colleges. "I feel very depressed about the nature of things at the moment," says Brookes, a visiting lecturer at the Royal College of Art. "I find it almost exclusively decorative. People who are using ideas in drawings are very rare indeed. It's all charcoal and large marks and seems to have no purpose."

While the illustrators of the past such as Aubrey Beardsley, Arthur Rackham, E.H. Shepard and Sir John Tenniel are still highly acclaimed, the question still remains: is it art?

Brookes believes that it is — "although I don't actually describe it as such because it does sound pretentious. But that is what it ought to be because art supposes you care about it and that it is on as high a plane as you can put it."

● *Selected entries, including the winning illustrations, will be on display at the Victoria & Albert Museum from November 18.*

Pages for sale

The Post's sponsorship initiative is a new move in newspaper advertising

Sponsorship is creeping into television. In the arts it is a public duty. But newspapers turn up their noses at it. You can expect Eddy Shah to be different though. Tomorrow the Warrington-based newspaper proprietor, who started *Today* in March 1986, launches another national daily, *The Post*.

For his latest trick Shah is attempting to break the taboo on sponsorship in newspapers. Paxo, part of the Ranks Hovis McDougall group, is promoting a Best of British page which, according to *The Post*'s editor, Lloyd Turner, will appear four or five times before Christmas. The idea is that the company's logo will appear at the top of the page. Other sponsorship deals are being discussed, including racing results courtesy of Mecca, a sports page from William Hill, a pop page which Sony and Woolworths are reportedly vying to present, and weather information from either the Automobile Association or Goodyear.

A plan for Amstrad to sponsor the television page has been abandoned. It was hoped that the page would include bar codes which could be deciphered by a special machine linked to an Amstrad video recorder, thereby automatically recording TV programmes. But although the technology works on quality paper, it is not feasible on newsprint.

Turner says sponsorship will not be allowed on news pages. It is confined to subjects such as the weather and currencies, where editorial cannot be influenced by sponsors. "There's not much difference between advertising and sponsoring soft editorial."

Turner promises that the "sleaze-free" *Post* will give its three competitors — *The Sun*, *Daily Mirror* and *Daily Star* — "the shock of their lives".

But sleaze could be what *The Post* needs if it is to attract advertising, according to Vic Davies, of the independent agency the Media Business. Mike De Vere, who buys newspaper space for Zenith, the centralized Saatchi media buying operation, says the paper "launches at a difficult time, at the end of autumn when most ad budgets are burned up". Initial print run is one million, printed at six sites, but Shah has said it can break even at 370,000. De Vere predicts it will start off at 300,000, much the same as Shah's *Today*. "There is some cynicism left over from *Today*'s launch," de Vere says. "*The Post* will have to generate goodwill among advertisers." Which no doubt explains its espousal of sponsorship.

Andrew Lycett

BYLINES

Blow for Punch

***Punch* is losing another staff member. Sheridan Morley is resigning as arts editor to write Sir John Gielgud's biography. The magazine, which lost two editors and one deputy in a year, has decided not to replace Morley, who will continue writing his theatre column. Morley, who has been on the staff for 15 years, is continuing the work of Richard Findlater, Gielgud's original choice for biographer, who died two years ago. Morley estimates he has two more years' research and 200 more interviews to do before Hodder & Stoughton can print. "This is no cuttings job — it's a major work," he says.**

American partner

After months of prophesy and rumour, *The Illustrated London News* has revealed its intention to go into a partnership with an American publishing house. James Sherwood, the owner of the 146-year-old magazine, has been in New York for talks with Herb Lipson, publisher of *Manhattan Inc* and several regional magazines in the United States. A deal is expected to be announced in the new year.

The Eye cops it

Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, has issued a writ against the magazine *Private Eye* and is pursuing legal discussions with the book publishers Harrap. Sir John alleges he has been libelled both in the magazine and in John Stalker's autobiography *Stalker*, which came out in February. Both actions surround the same allegation — that he drew Stalker's family tree on the back of a cigarette packet. The case against the *Eye* will be heard in Belfast in mid-February. David Cash, managing director, confirmed that the magazine would be defending the action and was in negotiations with Stalker.

In the market

The BBC, which is forging ahead with its plans to set up a World Television Service, may finance it by advertising. The External Services, which for the past 50 years have broadcast on radio, have asked the merchant bankers Schroder Wragg to examine ways of raising the £3 million needed to set up the service. Schroder Wragg confirms that advertising is one possible source. The need privately to finance the daily news service arose when the Foreign and Commonwealth Office refused to back it.

Christened at last

The Sunday Newspaper Corporation has finally christened its new quality paper, to be launched in April. It is to be called *The Sunday Correspondent*. Shortlisted titles included *The Sunday Horizon*, *The Sunday Perspective* and *The Sunday Examiner*. The editor Peter Cole, formerly deputy editor of *The Guardian*, said the paper would have two sections and a 60-page magazine.

Briefing . . .

The Swedish liquor company Absolut Vodka is spending £590,000 on a Christmas advertising campaign in American magazines. The ad consists of a plastic bubble containing tiny white flakes suspended in liquid. The liquid is a concoction of water, oil and antifreeze. Readers have been warned . . . **Recently *Options* magazine produced its first offshoot, *Essentials*, and now I learn is in confinement with another, *Boptions*, which is *Options* for babies** . . . The first lady of Fleet Street, Jean Rook, of the *Daily Express*, is writing her autobiography. She expects to have it completed by the end of the year for a launch in the spring . . . ***Environment Now*, the monthly periodical launched 11 months ago at a cost of £250,000, is to be sold. Mike Ure, general manager of the magazine division of the publishers, Holmes McDougall, confirmed the company is holding talks with two London-based publishers** . . . Granada Television has sold *Brideshead Revisited* to Poland as part of a 31-hour package which also includes the drama serial *Lost Empires*.

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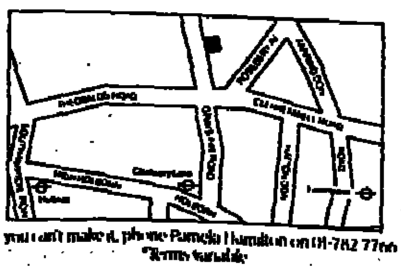

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EXPERIENCED SECRETARY

Required for 2 gynaecologists in private practice (W1 area). Busy and interesting work. Salary and hours negotiable but should be prepared to work some evenings till approx 7pm. Please send full curriculum vitae to : Mrs Beverley Peel, 129 Harley St, London W1N 1DJ.

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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION with beautiful offices in the City seeks secretary to 2 Directors. Your varied duties will include organising meetings, telephone liaison and general correspondence. We are looking for candidates who take a pride in the work and would like to become totally involved in their job. Good secretarial skills including shorthand, coupled with professional and diplomatic manner are important. Age range 30-40. Salary to £14,000. Please telephone 588 3535. Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants.

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FUN, straightforward secretarial job (rusty shorthand OK) for small Estate Agents in beautiful offices close to Green Park. Would suit cheerful secretary in early 20s looking for variety and involvement in friendly company. Salary c£11,000. Please call Liz on 437 6032. Hobstones (West End) Recruitment Consultants.

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GRADUATE College leaver sought to join this prestigious City based Publishing house. You will be joining the buzzy Marketing department where you will work alongside two go-ahead Marketing Managers. Responsibilities will include copy chasing, client liaison. The ability to communicate easily and effectively at all levels essential. Good typing (45 wpm) pre-requisite. Age 21+. Salary £8,000 plus 5 weeks holiday. Call The Work Shop on 01-409 1232 for details.

HAMMERSMITH-RECEPTION. Enjoy a fun, young environment when you join this hi-tech company based in lovely offices close to the Thames. They are looking for a cheerful Receptionist to take charge of deliveries, maintain a diary, meet and greet clients and manage a busy switchboard. Some previous reception experience essential. Salary £10,000 plus benefits. Please call Fiona Marriott on 434 4512 Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants.

HOLBORN 1 minute. Major international company seeks personal secretary for financial executive. Superb benefits include subsidised restaurant and bar, season ticket loan, BUPA, discount on sports club membership and foreign travel, 23 days holiday. You must have good typing, WP (Wang) age 24-40 A level education preferred. Salary c£13,000. Call Sharron Worton at King & Toben on 01 629 9648 Recruitment Consultants.

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LONDON BRIDGE: Friendly, social property company need a secretary to look after two managers in the development department. Secretarial skills of 80/50 are necessary in order to enjoy this busy role, as is a confident telephone manner. This is an excellent position for someone who enjoys working hard but during office hours only. Salary c£11,500 + benefits. Please call Sam on 247 4354 for more information. Hobstones (City) Recruitment Consultants.

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ORGANISER needed to control two young directors! Must be enthusiastic, have a sense of humour and want to work as part of a small team. Minimal typing (2-3 letters per day). Age 19 plus, salary to £11,000. Call Belle Sec Ltd 01-436 7984.

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PR, Marketing, Design, Corporate Identities and Communications are the areas of activity of this superb company boasting an impressive range of famous clients. They seek a bright, outgoing, flexible all-rounder to join a busy, friendly team. You will be answering the phone (not switchboard); helping to type proposals and correspondence as well as the odd bit of filing. 50 wpm typing essential. Excellent prospects. Salary to £9,500. Call 01-493 0713 Merryweather Advertising & Selection.

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PUNK Reception £12,000. Very much an 'up front' position as part of this professional team in well known City Co. Plenty of variety and interest plus dealing with VIP's. Warm friendly personality coupled with diplomacy a must. Age 24-34. Excellent benefits. Reception Line (Rec Cons). 01-437-6314 or 872 8886.

RECEPTIONIST required for major professional company, EC4. Good presentation and sound experience essential. Age 24+. Salary £10,000 plus clothes allowance and usual big company benefits. Call Sharron Worton. King & Toben 01 629 9648. Recruitment Consultants.

RECEPTIONIST £10,000-£12,000 aae. Top firm of City solicitors needs further receptionist to work day-time "shift" (alternating 8.30am/10.30am start - 4.30pm/6.30pm finish). No switchboard involved. Impeccable grooming essential. Age 23+ Please call 01-629 7262 Secretarial Appointments. (Rec. Cons.).

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RESEARCH: We are looking for a junior researcher for prestigious firm of international stockbrokers near Bank. An interest in equity markets and computers would be an advantage. Keyboard skills essential. Good start to analysts career. Salary c£9,700 + mortgage subsidy and other benefits. Age range early twenties. Please call Debbie on 247 4354 Hobstones (City) Recruitment Consultants.

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SH PA to Director of national charity W8. Requires good sec skills & initiative to take on own projects in a lively office. To £11,500 + bens. Woodhouse Rec Cons 01-404 4646.

SOUTH-KENSINGTON: Charming Chairman and Chief Executive of publishing house are looking for a very special second secretary. They need you to help organise events, parties and busy diaries, leaving them free to concentrate on running their already successful group. At this level, discretion and confidence are vital as are good shorthand and typing skills. Age range 20s. Salary to £11,500 + 5 weeks holiday, staff restaurant and generous lunch allowance. Please call Lesley on 437 6032. Hobstones (West End) Recruitment Consultants.

SPANISH P.A. c£14,000 to Latin American division of prestigious co. Translations involved. Workable SH and typing. Boyce Bilingual Agy. tel: 01-404 4434.

SPANISH junior sec. Greenwich. Good typing necc. Boyce Bilingual Agy. tel: 01-404 4434.

YOUNG Receptionist to work for friendly informal group of office designers. All usual reception duties, some typing (40 wpm) and a chance to be an important part of a team. Salary £9,000. Reception Line (Rec Cons) on 01-437 6314 or 872 8886.

ZEST for marketing? Help a successful company to grow further by joining small info tech consultancy in SW1. As Admin/Office Manager, working closely with the Marketing Director, you will be involved in general marketing activities offering lots of client contact. Other responsibilities will include seminar and course administration, information gathering/research, personnel records and basic book-keeping. Good typing essential. Age range 20s. Salary £13,000 with benefits. Please call Lesley on 437 6032. Hobstones (West End) Recruitment Consultants.

NON-SECRETARIAL

DESIGN Co. Receptionist, WC1. £8-10,000. Well presented and well spoken receptionist required for beautiful offices in expanding Design Co. Free to take lunch. Typing skills 25wpm +. Call Belle Sec Ltd. 01-436 7984.

RESIDENTIAL Negotiator required by Kensington Estate Agents. Central London experience essential. Tel: Regal Estates 01-603 7121.

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TRANSLATOR/FOREIGN Relations Assistant (to £12,500) is sought by a large organisation affiliated to the music industry. Fluency in French and German is essential as is translating experience. Some Spanish would also be useful. Good organisational skills are necessary as there is a high administrative content. 40+wpm typing + WP. Tel Bilingualsec 01-493-6446 (Rec Cons).

PART TIME VACANCIES

£10,000 - Everyday is a holiday when you work 5pm - 10pm for this highly successful, large management consultancy based in SW1. Good secretarial skill (Audio/60/WP) and flexible approach essential. Age 20-40. Free taxi home. Please call Ariana on 434 4512 Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants.

EVENING Receptionist to work 5pm - 11pm (taxi home provided). Salary: c£10,000 (but neg for exceptional person) Please call 01-629 7262 Secretarial Appointments (Rec. Cons.).

EVENING WP Secretary to work 5pm - 10pm for West-End Management Consultancy. Must have good WP skills and be able work well without supervision. Salary c£10,000. Taxi home provided. Please call 01 629 7262 Secretarial Appointments (Rec. Cons.).

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Chips replace fish at the old market

By Peter Law

Seven years after Billingsgate fish market closed, the Victorian hall in which it was housed is about to be reborn into the microchip era as the high-tech London dealing headquarters of the American investment bank Citicorp.

But the porters who left the Upper Thames Street building, between Tower Bridge and London Bridge, for a new fish market site in Docklands, could be forgiven for thinking nothing has changed, at least on the outside.

The riverside face of the Grade II listed brickwork hall, designed by Sir Horace Jones, the architect of Smithfield Market and Holborn Viaduct, looks exactly as it did the day it was opened in 1876.

But inside, the stench of fish has disappeared along with the claustrophobic shanty town of wooden stalls used by the previous traders, to be replaced by a light and lofty dealing space showing no trace of the sophisticated electronics and air conditioning hidden below the 3,000 square metre raised floor.

Pierre Botschi, the project architect, who worked from Jones's original drawings, says: "It's a marvellous marriage of the technology of today and the beauty of the 19th century, with no sign of a fight between the two."

The harmony is more remarkable when you discover that Mr Botschi's boss is Richard Rogers, the architect of the new Lloyd's building, regarded by its critics as the most horribly futuristic building in London.

Unlike Lloyd's, the Billingsgate building has no exposed services and the use of modern materials has been restricted to essentials such as prismatic glass for the roof and huge arched windows to keep glare off the foreign exchange dealers' computer screens, and glass fibre to reproduce some of the Greek-inspired roof columns, decorative Victorian wrought ironwork and stone cornices.

All the dolphin-shaped street lamps along the riverfront are authentic-looking fakes, as are parts of the curious-looking fish perched on top of the hall.

Renovation and conversion has taken more than four years, longer than Citicorp anticipated and an eternity compared to the breakneck speed of office building elswhere in the City demanded by some of the bank's competitors.

Mr Botschi blames the delay on being handed an almost derelict hall, and a late decision by the client to include in the project the catacombs below the building, which had been used as huge freezer stores.

"We have had to replace almost 80 per cent of the roof timber and build an elaborate steel frame to support the structure during renovation," he says. Also, the basement, which had been iced up for half a century, needed extensive damp-proofing.

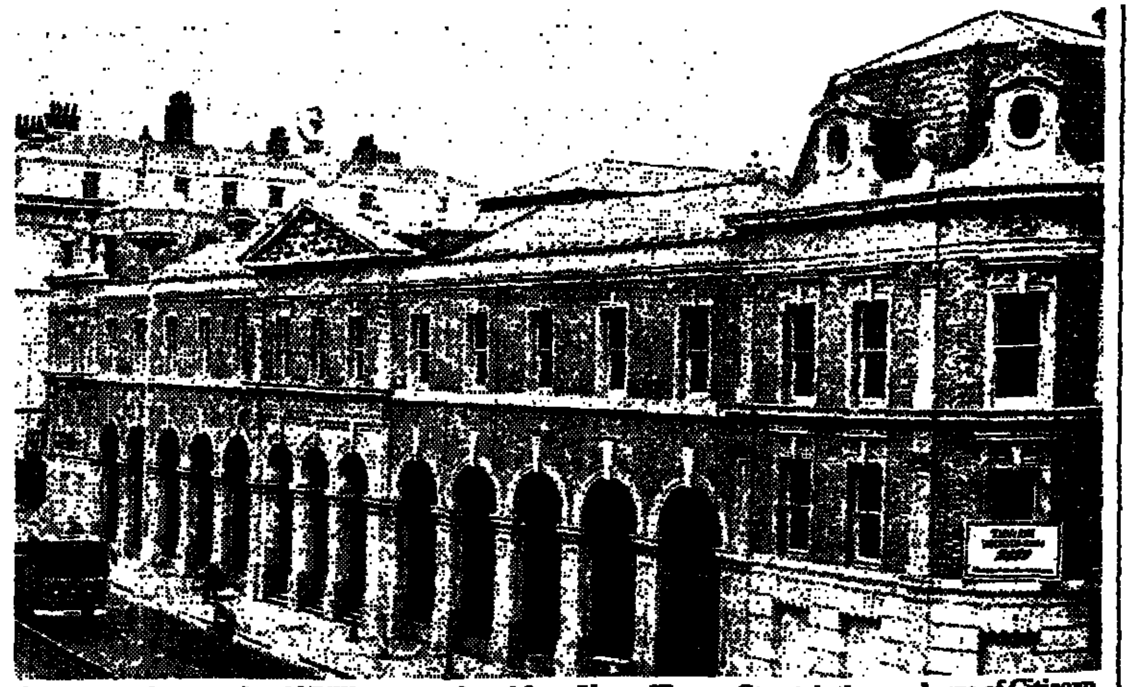
Mr Botschi expects to be off site by Christmas but the bank's 800 Treasury staff, scattered in Citicorp's 13 rented offices around London, are unlikely to move in until later next year when the complex electronic services have been fully installed.

Richard Portnoy, one of the bank's vice-presidents, says a bespoke building, rather than an anonymous spec-built wedge of offices, is worth waiting for.

Although Citicorp won't disclose the cost of the four-year wait, or how much it paid Berisford Property Developments for the hall, building work alone has cost the bank more than £30 million. Berisford's paid £22 million to the City Corporation for Billingsgate in 1982.

"It's a long-term investment," says Susan Meili, corporate affairs spokeswoman. "We needed a central dealing room in the City where we could transfer people from their various outposts.

"On another level, owning a building such as Billingsgate, which symbolizes Britain's strength as a trading power, shows a sense of Citicorp's permanence and identification with London."



Banking on the past: the old Billingsgate, viewed from Upper Thames Street, is the new home of Citicorp

Warning on new planning law

The Society of Property Researchers, formed by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors a year ago with the aim of protecting planning and architectural standards, gathers tonight for its first annual general meeting, *writes Brian Collett*.

One of the society's increasing *interests is the change in the* character of localities being brought about by a new planning law that has been *little publicized*.

Members were warned about the implications recently by Dr Robert Homes, lecturer in town planning and estate management at the North-East London Polytechnic.

Dr Home, author of *Planning Use Classes* (Blackwell Scientific, £14.95), said that legislation last year expanded the old light industrial class so that offices and research and development buildings could be allowed on these sites without planning permission — with the result that in Surrey alone there were planning applications for more than six million sq ft of floor space in this category in 1987.

***There is now an estimated* 120 million sq ft of business park floor space planned or already under construction in Britain. Dr Home says: "It breaks down the character of an inner city area. It is driving some of the varied and interesting firms out of inner London."**

He regrets that the atmosphere of some London areas such as Clerkenwell, Southwark and south Shoreditch was changing.

Dr Home's other fear about the new law is the freedom it gives to the leisure and recreation industry. The legislation, he says, would allow a golf course to become a fun fair without planning consent, *totally changing the environment* for the usually fashionable and expensive houses beside the course. "*Golf courses don't make* money," says Dr Home.

"I have no doubt that this sort of thing will happen."

BRIEFING

Richmond Riverside for Compaq

■ Compaq Computers Ltd, part of the Compaq Computer Corporation of Houston, one of the fastest-growing companies in the world, has acquired 80 per cent of the new Richmond Riverside Development, the classically designed scheme by Quinlan Terry, through agents Fletcher King.

It has taken more than 83,000 sq ft in three buildings at £25 a sq ft, partly to house its sales and marketing support divisional headquarters. The acquisition follows the recent completion of its £21 million European manufacturing plant at Erskine, Scotland.

■ Richard Ellis, the letting agents at Richmond Riverside, predicts that central London office space will grow by only 20 million sq ft in the next six years on the present total of 150 million sq ft, which will mean substantial rent rises — up to £85 a sq ft in Mayfair by mid-1990.

Holborn rents look set to follow the same pattern, reaching £60-£65 by 1990, while top City rents should rise more slowly to £70-£75 over this period.

Richard Ellis says that, contrary to many forecasts, there should be no serious over-supply in the City in the next five years.

■ Erostin Group's plans to build a £67 million office complex at Birmingham International Airport, one of the largest commercial developments in the West Midlands, have been approved by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

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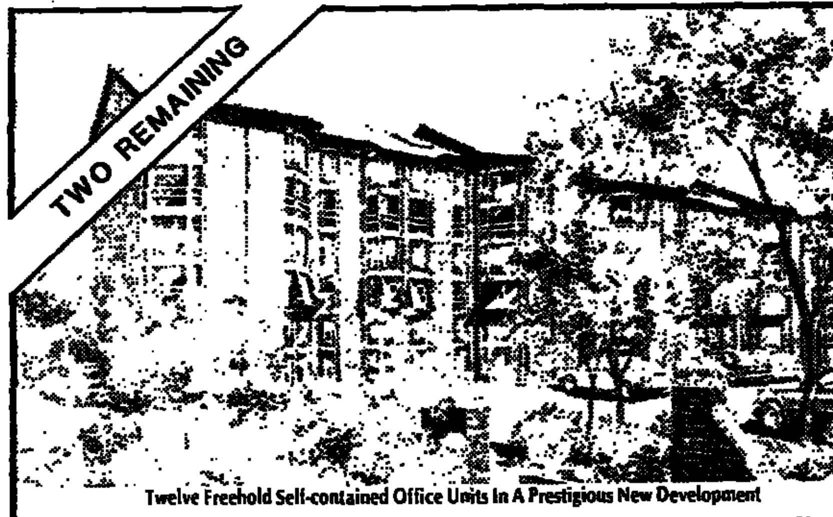

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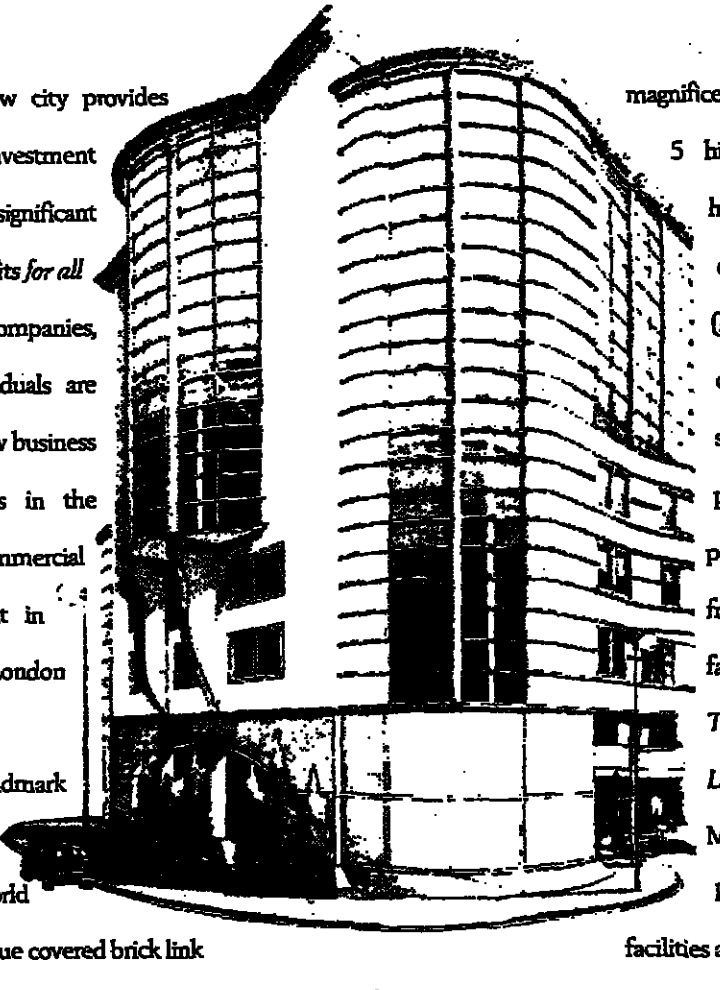

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Royal criticisms of the Kensington Palace Gardens project have been greeted with surprise. Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, gives a progress report

Every bricklayer who applies for a job on Regalian's flagship development in Kensington Palace Gardens, opposite Kensington Palace, has to provide a sample of his work to show that he is capable of the standards required for a scheme bound to be examined in great detail as it takes shape at one of the most prestigious addresses in Britain.

If the fact that Regalian paid £21 million for the site was not enough to ensure its high profile, then an objection to the scheme by the Prince of Wales, a close neighbour, was. Not known for his reluctance to speak out on architectural issues, he objected to the building's asymmetric design, its height, and its intrusion.

David Goldstone, Regalian's managing director, told *The Times* that he was not upset, but was surprised, at the Prince's intervention. "I assumed, naively I suppose, that because it was a Crown Estate development and approved by the commissioners, he would have known about it. But I respect the right of anybody to comment on the scheme, and in general I believe he has done a service to the community in drawing attention to the responsibility of planners, architects and developers to their building."

In the case of the modestly named 3a, Palace Green, the asymmetric design was the result of the wish of the planners and the Fine Arts Commission that the southern end of the building should be lowered so that it would not conflict with the nearby spire of St Mary Abbots church. The design was also changed to take into account the Prince's objections, and Mr Goldstone concludes that "the publicity that he gave to the development was not so bad, because we were seen to co-operate with his points".

The result is a scheme on which Mr Goldstone and his son Lee, who is the director in charge, are prepared to stake their reputations. Regalian has been closely involved both in inner-city refurbishment in London and elsewhere, and new building, particularly in the London Docklands. Mr Goldstone says: "The Palace Green scheme makes other developments, including some of ours, look run-of-the-mill."

Regalian set out to improve the Crown's own proposed scheme of 40 flats, and came up with the notion that, since this was the most exclusive address, surrounded by royalty, ambassadors and embassies, it should be halved in number, providing 20 apartments of the highest quality. .

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The architects are the YRM Partnership, whose work includes the North Terminal at Gatwick Airport and the refurbishment of St Pancras Station chambers. Project director, Jonathan Gray says: "We have created a building with classical qualities and proportions that fits into the special surroundings. We have aimed for a sense of timelessness, and a feeling of spaciousness."

Five interior designers — Bill Bennette, Colefax & Fowler, David Hicks International, Michael Sumner & Company, and YRM Interiors — have been retained to offer a choice of designs for the buyers. The plan is for gardens on the theme of an Elizabethan knot garden.

The building is scheduled for completion in 1991, and already Regalian has had inquiries from more than 40 people. Mr Goldstone expects three-quarters of the buyers to be from overseas, and only one quarter to be occupied full-time. "We believe there is a demand for the very highest quality in London, and think that we can provide it. It will be an example of the very best that craftsmanship can offer. If we do not get it right, it will reflect on us, and that is our challenge."

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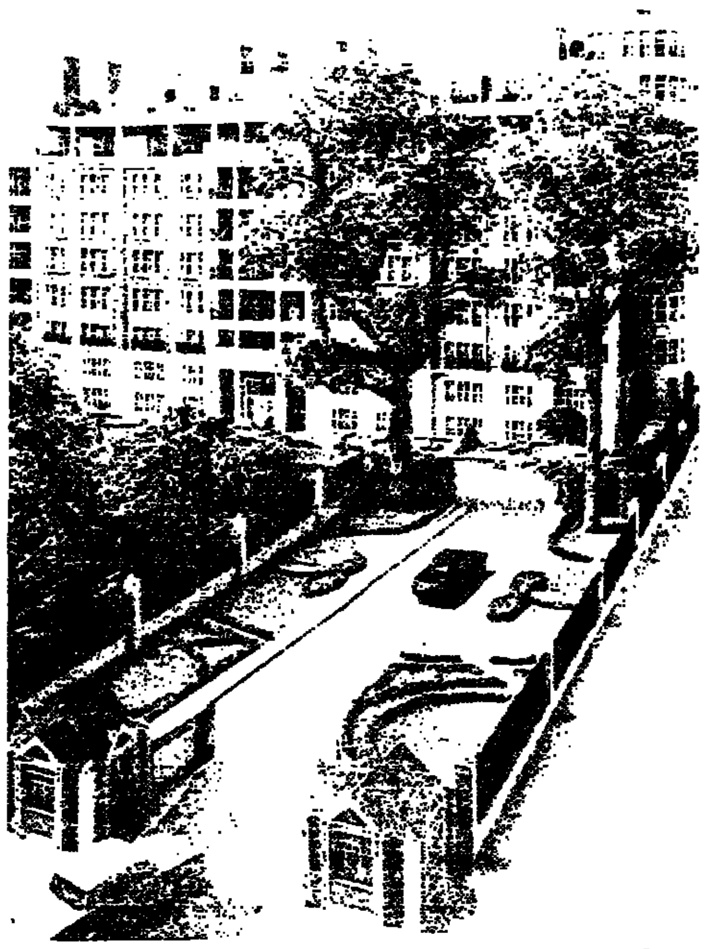

Highly desirable: a model of the Kensington Palace Gardens scheme

> ❛We have created a building with classical qualities and proportions that fits the special surroundings. We have aimed for a sense of timelessness and a feeling of spaciousness❜

■ The house at the heart of the Templecombe estate at Wargrave, Berkshire, was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and is said to be the only example of his work in Britain. Standing in 120 acres of parkland, with fine views over the Thames valley, it was built in 1958 of Cotswold stone in a horseshoe shape.

The house has two reception rooms, study and three bedrooms, with an indoor swimming pool complex. The gardens contain a tennis court and a Druids Temple which was discovered in 1785 on Jersey and removed stone by stone. There is a guest flat, a lodge at the entrance to the estate, and a farm, which is let.

IN THE MARKET

Savills is asking for offers around £1.65 million through their London and Henley offices.

■ Park House, Hampton Court, is a Grade II listed house dating from 1705 and was from 1953 to 1968 the home of the author Captain W. E. Johns, the creator of Biggles. The house, which has been carefully restored, stands between Bushy Park and Home Park and has grand views over the Royal paddocks and parkland. Jackson-Stops & Staff's Chelsea office is asking for around £850,000.

■ This is the week of the highwayman Dick Turpin, who is associated with two properties coming on to the market. The Forge, by Newington Green in north London, was reputedly one of his hide-outs from the law. It has now been converted to provide a two bedroom maisonette, with a reception room and roof terrace. Holden Matthews is asking £95,000 for the 99-year lease.

■ Butlers Manor in Buckinghamshire is believed to date from the 15th century, and is said to have been another of Turpin's hide-outs. It still contains a secret staircase to the attic where he would have looked across to Ivinghoe Beacon and the Icknield Way to see the coaches. The house, standing in 2.5 acres, has three reception rooms and six bedrooms, with an outdoor heated swimming pool, all-weather tennis court, paddock and stable. Strutt & Parker is seeking offers around £550,000.

■ A naval family which built a London home in the 1950s in Hans Crescent opposite Harrods already had a country house called The Flow, so they called their new home London Flow, naming the children's quarters the Overflow. The house is at present in three separate suites and has a double garage. Knight Frank & Rutley's *Sloane Street office* is seeking offers above £775,000.

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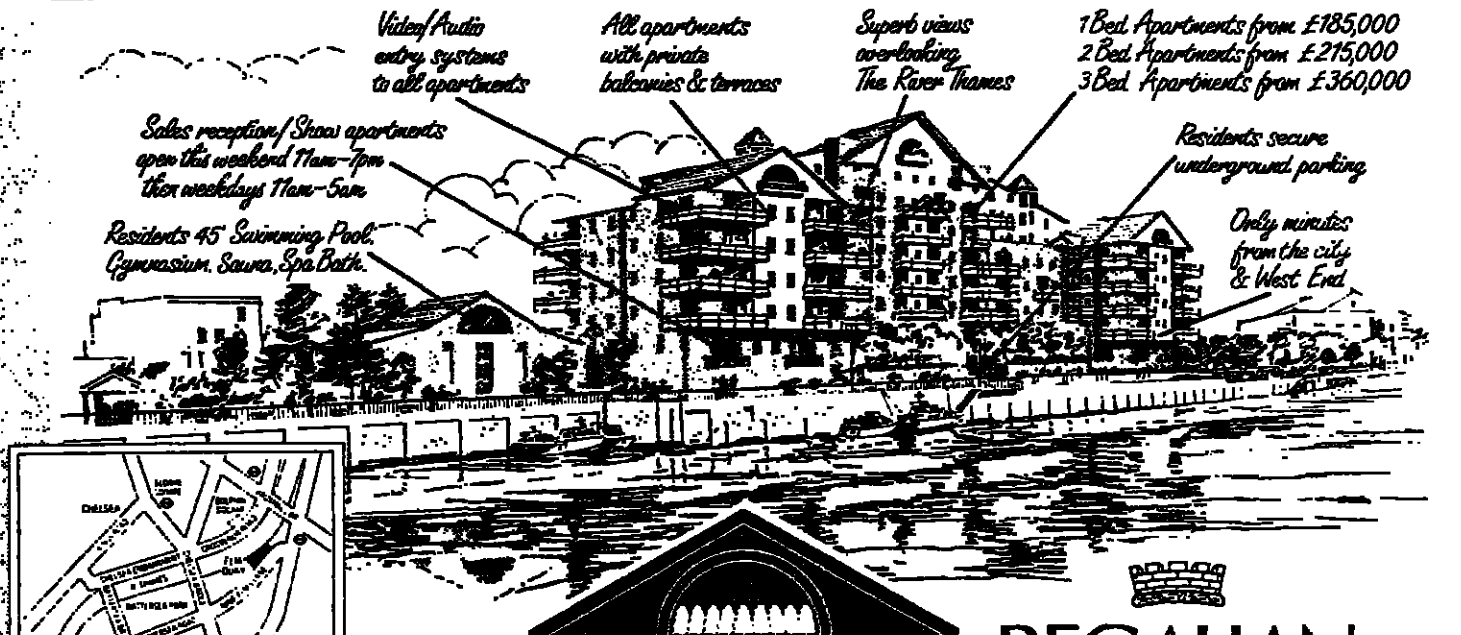

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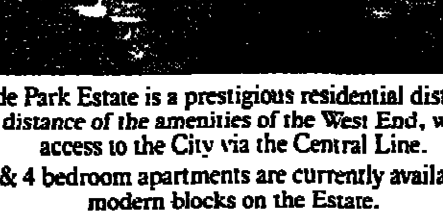

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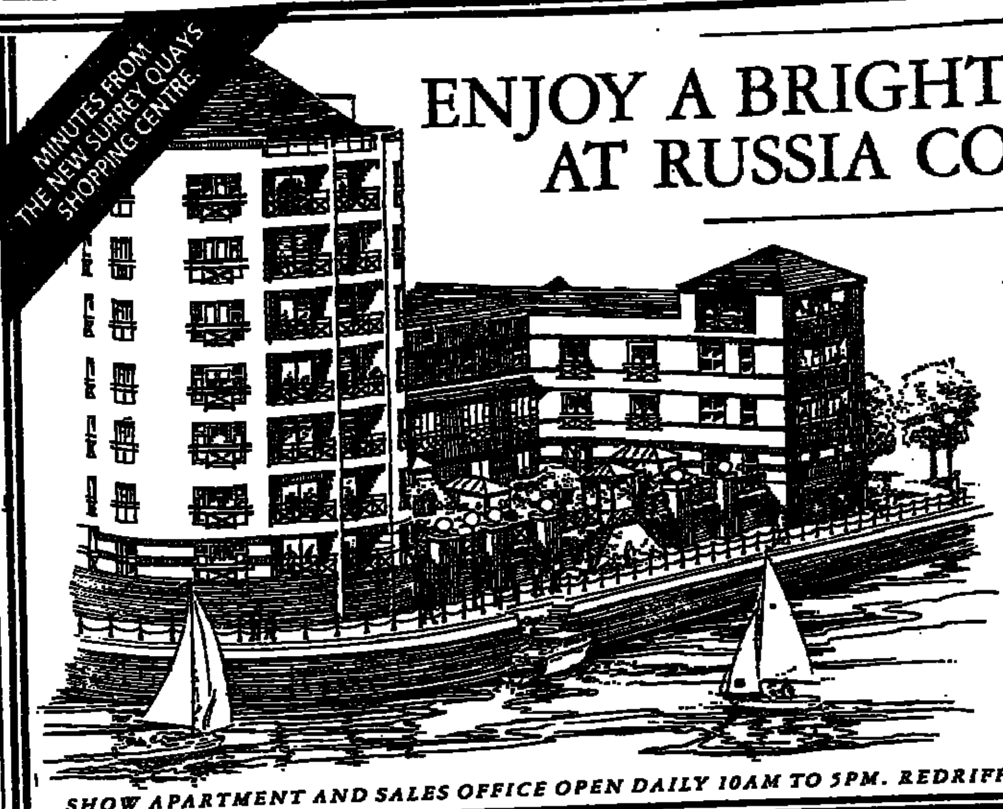
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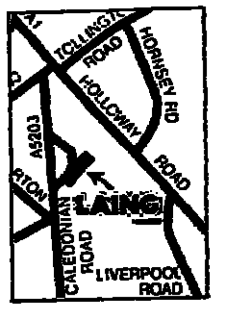

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Sun, sand and buyers

Diana Wildman looks at the part of Spain that still attracts the British builders, the most purchasers and the high prices

Despite the fact that virtually all the coastal strip between Malaga and Estepona consists of scores of leisure developments – and the Estepona "Gibraltar" beachside strip seems to be rapidly going the same way – potential purchasers still look to the Costa del Sol in greater numbers than at anywhere else in Europe when they intend to buy a second home.

Property prices are high, but the quality of construction and facilities offered seem to improve all the time – an essential point when competition is so fierce.

Purchasing procedures in Spain are straightforward, provided the basic rules of obtaining independent legal and financial advice are followed and the correct importation certificate is obtained when the funds allocated for the property purchase are taken into Spain. Without such a certificate it will prove virtually impossible to export the money if the property is eventually sold.

British housebuilders are still keen to invest in Spain and Lovells, now Britain's seventh largest housebuilder, has just started its second project near Marbella called White Pearl Beach. It is being built alongside the Don Carlos Hotel and the design theme is reminiscent of the Roman amphitheatre in Ronda. The 120 luxury apartments are being build in five phases, with a three month lapse between each phase, and completion is due late next summer.

Encircling White Pearl Beach will be a tall, white, circular colonnade creating a shaded walkway. Security will be provided by closed circuit television with electronic gates controlling the entrance. Prices range from £95,000 to £200,000.

● *Details: Overseas Residential Properties, 5 Broadway Court, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1DP. Tel: 0494 791779.*

Heron Homes has formed a Spanish subsidiary, Heron Promociones, and is selling a completed scheme at Torreblanca, north-east of Fuengirola, which is set in the foothills above the town. El Castillo de Torreblanca consists of 83 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments arranged round a wide pool area with views of the sea or mountains.

All the homes have a private balcony or terrace, there are marble floors and tiled bathrooms and the kitchens are fitted with a cooker, washing machine and fridge freezer. There are numbers of one-, two- and three-bedroom flats ready for immediate occupation, priced from £18,000, £33,000 and £42,000 respectively.

● *Details: Prudential International Property, 116 Kensington High Street, London W8 7RW. Tel: 01-937 7244.*

Agents, Fincasol, which has offices in the UK and Spain, runs its own construction company, building a variety of villas and custom-built houses to the buyer's specification on an individual plot – once the necessary planning consents have been obtained. The company has also produced a brochure offering nine styles of homes, ranging from £63,250 for two bedrooms to £164,500 for a five-bedroom villa. These plans can be adapted to individual requirements.

Liz Woods of Fincasol finds that most demand for villa building comes from people who own plots on the 4,000-acre Sotogrande estate which is enjoying a boom in land prices since the opening of the Spanish/Gibraltarian border in February 1985.

"Plots, depending on their location, range from £22,395 for 2,000 square metres to around £105,000 for 4,000 square metres – this is an increase of nearly 200 per cent over the past three years or so."

One fact often forgotten by UK purchasers buying in Spain is that VAT is payable on residential property. This amounts to 6 per cent on the ordinary family house or apartment but doubles to 12 per cent on a plot of land.

Fincasol is also the agent for resale villas and apartments within Sotogrande.

● *Details: Fincasol, 31 Bywater Street, London SW3. Tel: 01-581 5554 or Fincasol, Cortijo Los Canos, Sotogrande Km 135 CN 340, (Cadiz) Spain. Tel: 0103456 792811.*

Taylor Woodrow International is yet another UK construction group now involved in the Costa del Sol residential development scene. They are constructing 90 luxury apartments, in two- and three-storey buildings, set in landscaped gardens adjoining the first fairway of Duquesa's Robert Trent Jones 18-hole championship golf course. This is set in the foothills behind Puerto de la Duquesa, the Italian-style leisure marina some 15 kilometres east of Sotogrande.

The first phase of the 48 two-bedroom/two-bathroom and three-bedroom/three-bathroom units are due for completion by next July, along with the first of the two swimming pools. However, Taylor Woodrow plans to have a completed show flat on site by the end of October. About half of the first phase has been reserved or sold off-plan and the rest are available at prices ranging between £87,500 and £155,000. Each unit has a garage and a basement store room included in the purchase price.

The developer is aiming at the permanent or long-stay resident and has bought 90 shares in the Duquesa Golf and Country Club which it will sell to Los Costillos owners at £5,000 each.

Each share enables two people to become golf-playing members and four others to use the facilities of the Country Club. The golf-course is complete and the Country Club is to be finished next July.

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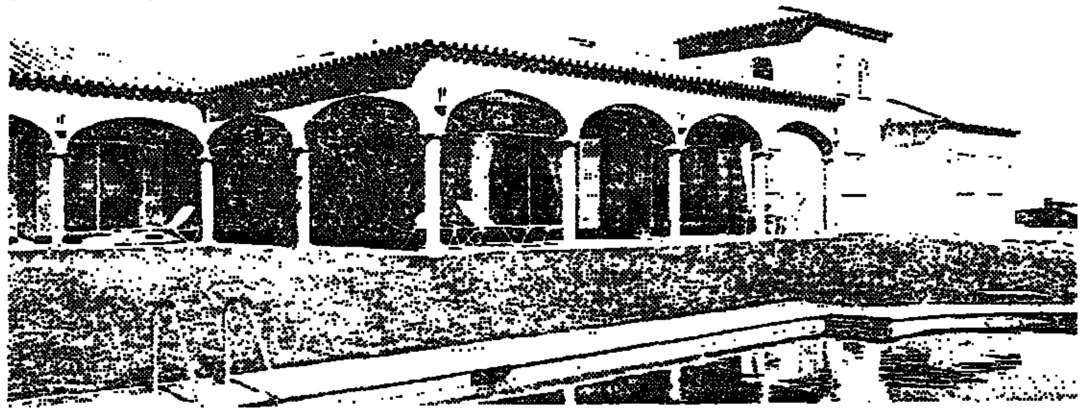
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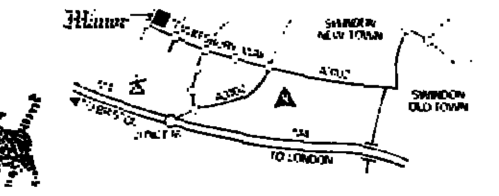

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Queen's Bench Division

Airliner not liable to drugs forfeiture

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Air Canada

Before Mr Justice Tucker

[Judgment November 7]

The fact an aircraft carried in its cargo a container with cannabis resin did not constitute "use of the aircraft for the carriage of a thing liable to forfeiture" within the meaning of section 141(1)(*a*) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and it was a defence for the airline to establish that they did not know and were not reckless in failing to discover that the container contained cannabis and could not with reasonable diligence have discovered it or prevented it being secreted.

Mr Justice Tucker so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in determining four preliminary issues in favour of the defendants, Air Canada.

The 1979 Act provides by section 141: "(1) . . . where any thing has become liable to forfeiture under the Customs and Excise Acts, (*a*) any . . . aircraft . . . which has been used for the carriage . . . of the thing so liable to forfeiture . . . shall also be liable to forfeiture."

Mr Roger Ter Haar for the Customs and Excise; Mr Robert Webb, QC and Mr David Fisher for Air Canada.

MR JUSTICE TUCKER said on April 26, 1987 a Tristar aeroplane owned and operated by Air Canada landed at Heathrow Airport. The aircraft had made a regular scheduled timetabled flight from Singapore via Bombay to Heathrow and was bound from there to Toronto.

It carried fare-paying members of the public as passengers and also some cargo. The passengers were disembarked and the cargo was unloaded at Heathrow. The aircraft continued its scheduled flight to Toronto on the same day.

The unloading of the cargo took place under the supervision of HM Customs and Excise. One of the containers was opened and it was found to contain 331kg of cannabis resin with an estimated street value of £800,000.

The importation of cannabis resin was prohibited under section 3(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. The cannabis was liable to forfeiture by virtue of section 49(1)(*b*) of the Customs Excise Management Act 1979.

After its departure from Heathrow the aircraft made several international flights, including flights to the United Kingdom.

On May 1, 1987 the aircraft was seized by representatives of the Customs and Excise as liable to forfeiture under section 141(1) of the 1979 Act. On the same date, under the powers contained in section 139(5) and paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to the 1979 Act, the aircraft was delivered up on payment by the defendants of £50,000.

The Customs and Excise had now commenced proceedings claiming an order for condemnation of the aircraft or an order that there were reasonable grounds for seizure of the aircraft.

The defendants denied that the aircraft was liable to forfeiture or that there were any reasonable grounds for its seizure.

On June 8, 1988 Master Hodgson made an order in the following agreed terms: There should be a determination of the following preliminary issues:

(1) Whether the facts that (a) cannabis resin was found in the container and (b) that that container had been carried by the aircraft alone constituted "use of the aircraft for the carriage of a thing liable to forfeiture" within the meaning of section 141(1)(*a*) of the 1979 Act such as to justify its subsequent seizure.

(2) Whether it was a defence to the plaintiff's claim if the defendants established that they did not know that the container contained cannabis resin and were not reckless in failing so to discover.

(3) Whether it was a defence if the defendants established that they could not with reasonable diligence have discovered that cannabis had been secreted and hidden nor by reasonable diligence could they have prevented its being secreted.

(4) Whether it was necessary for the plaintiffs to prove (i) that the defendants knew or ought to have known that cannabis resin was on board and/or (ii) that the aircraft was on other than a regular scheduled flight.

His Lordship agreed with counsel for the defendants that there was something wrong about a provision which entitled the plaintiffs to a right of forfeiture *in rem* without recourse to the courts.

Even though the Customs and Excise had a power under paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to the 1979 Act to deliver up the seized goods on payment of a sum of money, they were not bound to exercise it, and it was only if they failed to do so in a reasonable manner that the owner or operator or the forfeited vehicle had any right to seek judicial review.

It seemed most unlikely that Parliament ever intended such power should be given to the plaintiffs without proper supervision by the courts, in situations such as the present.

His Lordship could not think that the draftsmen of the 1979 Act had the present situation in mind. It could not have been the intention of Parliament that the innocent and *bona fide* operator of an extremely valuable aircraft on an international scheduled flight should be at risk of having the aircraft forfeited if, unknown to him and without any recklessness on his part, some evil-minded person smuggled contraband or prohibited goods aboard the aircraft.

It could not sensibly be said that in such circumstances the aircraft "has been used for the carriage". What was used was the opportunity afforded by the availibility of cargo space on an already scheduled flight which was going to be made in any event.

Accordingly, his Lordship determined the preliminary issues as follows: (1) No. (2) Yes. (3) Yes. (4) It was necessary for the plaintiffs to prove (i) that the defendants knew or ought to have known that cannabis resin was on board the aircraft or (but not "and ") (ii) that the aircraft was on other than a scheduled and legitimate flight.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Beaumont & Son.

No jeopardy upon defective information

Director of Public Prosecutions v Porthouse

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy

[Judgment October 20]

Where a totally defective information was replaced by a properly drafted alternative and no evidence was offered upon the original information, the defence of *autrefois acquit* was not a defence to the second information when the original information had been defective to such a degree that the defendant could never have been in jeopardy upon it.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing a prosecution appeal by way of case stated against the acquittal of Frederick George Porthouse by Blaydon Justices.

Mr Glenn Gatland for the appellant; Mr Guy Whitburn for Mr Porthouse.

LORD JUSTICE MAY, giving the judgment of the court, said that the first information in the case was clearly defective. It referred to section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as amended by section 25 of the Transport Act 1981, but the particulars combined elements of section 5, as amended, and section 6, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the 1981 Act. That was clearly objectionable.

The prosecution asked the justices to substitute an alternative information.

An earlier plea of not guilty had previously been taken to the original information and a second plea of not guilty was entered on the new information. The appellant elected to proceed on the second information and offered no evidence on the original one which the justices then dismissed.

The respondent then submitted that the second information should also be dismissed on the *autrefois acquit* principle since the charges were substantially the same.

The justices then reached the conclusion that the second information should also be dismissed because even without a trial on the merits it could not be prosecuted again following the dismissal of the earlier information dealing with substantially the same offence.

An actual plea of *autrefois acquit* could not be entered in the magistrates' court but the same principles applied.

In the instant appeal the issue was whether the respondent had been at risk in relation to the first information and whether there had been sufficient adjudication upon it by the justices to bring the principle into operation.

The first information was defective. If a conviction had been recorded upon it that conviction would have been quashed.

The rules of *autrefois convict* and *acquit* were rooted in *nemo debet bis vexari*. A defendant was twice vexed only when he was in peril of a valid conviction upon his first trial.

The issue in the instant case would seem to have been put beyond doubt, first by the decision in *Meek v Powell* ([1952] 1 KB 164) and second, by *Broadbent v High* ([1985] RTR 359) where Lord Justice Watkins had said:

"Where, as here, there has been the kind of error . . . which has led the justices . . . to put the prosecution to election as to which of two informations it would proceed on, the doctrine of *autrefos acquit* has . . . no place" and "The doctrine of *res judicata* has no application to these circumstances as there had been no trial on the merits at any time of the issues arising out of the arrest of the defendant."

The court was bound by the decision in *Broadbent* and it had to follow that the appeal had to be allowed. However, in considering this appeal the court was attracted by the decision in *R v Pressick* ([1978] Crim LR 377) and the commentary upon it.

The court wondered whether as a matter of fact and law the defendant in *Broadbent* was not technically in jeopardy on the first information preferred against him.

In those circumstances the court preferred to rest its decision in the instant case upon the proposition that the first information was so faulty in form and content that the respondent could never have been in jeopardy upon it and thus its dismissal could not give rise to any defence of *autrefois acquit* on the second information.

However, justices should be very careful about the steps they took in these and similar circumstances.

Solicitors: CPS Northumbria: Basil P. Mellon & Co, Gateshead.

Chancery Division

Advance corporation tax time limit

Procter & Gamble Ltd v Taylerson (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment October 29]

To comply with section 85(3) of the Finance Act 1972 a claim by a company to carry back surplus advance corporation tax (ACT) to set against its mainstream corporation tax liability for an earlier accounting period had to be made within two years of the end of the accounting period and had to relate to an amount of ACT that was ascertainable at the time the claim was made.

A company could not reopen a claim consequent on a reduction in its profits chargeable to corporation tax for the relevant period being agreed after the two years had elapsed.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the company, Procter & Gamble Ltd, from a decision by a special commissioner upholding a tax inspector's refusal to allow its claim to carry back a further amount of ACT as being made out of time.

Sections 84 and 85 of the Finance Act 1972 imposed liability for ACT on a company making a "qualifying distribution" and provided for such payments of ACT — subject to the limitation in section 85(2) — to be set against its liability to mainstream corporation tax.

The company for its accounting periods to June 1977 and 1978 had for corporation tax purposes substantial profits but made only modest distributions.

For its accounting period to June 1979 it made substantial distributions and it accounted to the Revenue for ACT in respect of those of them that exceeded its liability to mainstream corporation tax and thus resulted in there being an amount of surplus ACT for that period that was available to the company to have carried back to be set against its corporation tax liability for the preceding two accounting periods.

Thus in December 1979 the company made a claim — later accepted by its tax inspector — under section 85 of the 1972 Act to carry back surplus ACT of £976,760 to set against its corporation tax liability for the previous accounting period.

For its accounting period to June 1982, however, the company incurred expenditure qualifying for capital allowances that gave rise to a loss for tax purposes for the period in excess of £5 million.

Under section 177 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 the company elected to have those losses set off against its profits for the previous three years. As a result the company's taxable profits for 1979 were reduced which had the effect of reducing the amount of ACT capable of being set against its corporation tax liability for the period and thus correspondingly increasing the amount of its surplus ACT.

Accordingly in June 1984 the company wrote to the inspector claiming that its "amended surplus ACT for the accounting period ended 30 June 1979 should be carried back for repayment purposes into the accounting periods ended 30 June 1978 and 1977". The inspector rejected the claim.

Section 85 of the 1972 Act provides: "(3) Where in the case of any accounting period of a company there is an amount of surplus advance corporation tax . . . the company may within two years after the end of that period, claim to have the whole or any part of that amount treated for the purposes of this section . . . as if it were advance corporation tax paid in respect of distributions made by the company in any of its accounting periods beginning in the two years preceding that period . . . and corporation tax shall, so far as may be required, be repaid accordingly."

By section 52(1) of the Finance Act 1984 the period is now extended to six years.

Mr John Gardiner, QC and Mr Roger C. Thomas for the company; Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the question was whether an amount of ACT which became surplus ACT in the company's accounting period ending June 1979 as a result of a claim by the company to set off a loss incurred in the accounting period to June 1982 against its income in earlier years could in turn be set off against corporation tax paid by the company for the accounting periods to June 1978 and 1977.

The commissioner, upholding the inspector's refusal to allow the company's claim to carry back that further sum, concluded that the December 1979 claim was to be regarded as a specific claim that when given effect to determined the ACT and surplus ACT once and for all and thus the June 1984 claim was made outside the section 85(3) time limit.

Mr Gardiner, contending that the company's 1979 claim was to be treated as extending to the whole of the surplus ACT for the 1979 accounting period as it was eventually determined, argued that a claim to carry back surplus ACT against income of earlier periods might, but need not be, a claim for a specific sum.

A company could, he said, without giving rise to any practical difficulties, simply claim to carry back the whole of any surplus. It was by no means uncommon for mainstream corporation tax liability to be finally determined more than two years after the end of an accounting period and a claim to carry back surplus ACT was in such circumstances necessarily provisional: neither the Revenue nor the company were called on to finalise a claim until mainstream tax was agreed.

Mr Park submitted that it was implicit in section 85(3) that a claim be a claim to carry back a specific sum: a company was not given the right to claim to "carry back the whole or any part" of surplus ACT of a given period.

The company's case failed. Even assuming in its favour that a claim to carry back surplus ACT need not be a claim to carry back a specific sum and that the claim in the instant case was understood to be a claim to carry back the surplus as it was finally agreed, the claim could only extend to carry back an amount of surplus ACT that was capable of being ascertained by reference to events which had happened when the claim was made.

Section 85(3) started "where in the case of any accounting period of a company there is . . .". Those words clearly referred to the time when the claim was made.

The precise amount might not then be ascertained; there might be a continuing dispute as to the amount of the profits chargeable to tax or the amount of a loss in a subsequent year. But the amount of the surplus ACT had to be capable of being ascertained by reference to circumstances existing at the the time when the claim was made and which could accordingly be the subject matter of the claim.

The commissioner in his decision might have gone too far in excluding the possibility of a "protective" claim being made.

But he clearly had in mind that the amount of the surplus capable of being carried back had to be an amount ascertained by reference to events which had occurred at the time when the claim was made. That was the correct interpretation of section 85(3) and accordingly the appeal failed.

Solicitors: Mr R. M. Downey, Gosforth; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Individual insolvency applications

Practice Direction (Insolvency Act 1986: Individual Insolvency)

Directions as to the appropriate venue for certain applications in individual (as opposed to company) insolvency cases were given by Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, on Ocober 6.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that *Practice Direction (Bankruptcy: Distribution of Business)* ([1987] 1 WLR 1203) was hereby revoked.

1 As from December 29, 1986 ("the appointed day") and until further order, the order of Mr Justice Cave dated January 1, 1884 as amended would cease to have effect and the following direction would apply to insolvency proceedings in relation to individuals.

2 The following applications should be made direct to the judge and unless otherwise ordered should be heard in open court: (i) applications for the committal of any person to prison for contempt; (ii) applications for injunctions or for the modification or discharge of injunctions; (iii) applications for interlocutory relief or directions after the matter had been referred to the judge.

3 All other applications should be made to the registrar in the first instance. He should give any necessary directions and might, if the application was within his jurisdiction to determine, in his discretion hear and determine it himself or refer it to the judge.

4 The following matters should be heard in open court: (i) the public examination of debtors; (ii) opposed applications for discharge or for the suspension or the lifting of the suspension of discharge; (iii) opposed applications for leave to be a director; (iv) in any case where the petition was presented or the receiving order or order for adjudication was made before the appointed day, those matters and applications specified in rule 8 of the Bankruptcy Rules (SI 1952 No 2113); and (v) all matters and applications heard by the judge except matters and applications referred by the registrar to be heard by the judge in chambers or directed by the judge to be so heard.

5 All petitions presented on or after the appointed day should be listed under the name of the debtor and should be heard in chambers.

6 In accordance with directions given by the Lord Chancellor the registrar had authorized certain applications to be dealt with by the Chief Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to rule 13.2(2) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925). Those applications were:

(1) By petitioning creditors to extend time for hearing petitions;

(2) By the Official Receiver: (i) to transfer proceedings from the High Court to a county court; (ii) to extend time for holding the first meeting of creditors; (iii) to extend time for giving notice of a creditors' meeting for the appointment of a trustee or of his decision not to summon such a meeting; (iv) to administer a debtor's estate in a summary manner; (v) to amend the full title of the proceedings; and (vi) to revoke a certificate of summary administration.

(3) By the Official Receiver to fix a venue for: (i) public examination of debtors (including restoring or reinstating); (ii) applications for adjudication; (iii) applications for discharge reviews under section 8(3) of the Insolvency Act 1976.

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GOLF: A BRITON IS ABOUT TO TEE UP SO THAT HE CAN LOOK DOWN UPON HIS CONTEMPORARIES

Lyle hopes his latest hit will take him to the top of the chart

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

For the first time in his career Sandy Lyle is poised to assume leadership of the Sony Rankings. He will tee up in the Nabisco World Championships of Golf, which start on the Pebble Beach course tomorrow, knowing that a victory will almost certainly take him above Greg Norman and Severiano Ballesteros.

Norman could, however, thwart Lyle by finishing second and a victory by Ballesteros in the Visas Tiahaiyio Masters in Japan could further complicate the issue.

Lyle will blinker himself to those possibilities in his effort to climb into a position where, at the age of 30, he can look down on his contemporaries. Since the age of three, when he struck his first shot some 70 yards while wearing wellington boots, Lyle has forged through one barrier after another and this would be the case of another dream becoming reality.

The Sony Rankings, sanctioned by the Royal and Ancient, is a specially developed computerized chart providing an authoritative reference source on the relative performances of the leading 200 players in the world based on results from all official tournaments, of which there are about 170.

Norman has resided in the top position for much of the last three years. He was recently relegated to second place by Ballesteros but, in reaching a play-off for the Australian PGA Championship last Sunday, Norman gleaned enough points to return to the top.

The Australian leads with 1,399, ahead of Ballesteros (1,386) and Lyle (1,350). First place in the Nabisco tournament, which has a high-quality field, is worth 112 points, so if he were to win Lyle would move ahead. Ballesteros would need to succeed in Japan, where there is likely to be only 72 points for the winner, as all tournaments in the Sony system are graded by the strength of their fields.

The rankings also serve to spotlight the rise and fall of players, with David Frost, of South Africa (22nd to eighth), and Chip Beck, of the United States (36th to tenth), having moved into the leading 10, whereas Bernhard Langer has tumbled from third to thirteenth in the past year and Larry Mize, the 1987 US Masters champion, from twelfth to 41st.

Five Europeans occupy the leading six places, although Langer and José-María Olazábal (nineteenth) are the only other Europeans in the top 40. Des Smyth, however, has made significant progress, from 131st to fiftieth place while lower down it is interesting to note Peter Baker (350th to 107th) and Barry Lane (237th to 109th), who are both competing in Japan this week, are on the threshold of moving into the top 100.

Iron man of the rankings: Lyle hits out for world leadership

SONY RANKINGS LEADERS

November 15, 1987 to November 6, 1988

	G Norman	S Ballesteros	A Lyle	N Faldo	C Strange
Sony position	1	2	3	4	5
Points	1,399	1,386	1,350	1,131	995
Event entered	25	25	35	32	31
Victories	7	6	5	2	4
Top 10 finishes	19	16	19	20	9
US Masters	5	11	1	30	21
US Open	Retired	32	25	2	1
Open	—	1	7	3	13
US PGA	9	MC	—	4	31
Titles won	Heritage(US) Italian Open Aus Open Aus TPC NSW Open ESP Open (Aus) Palm Mead (Aus)	Westchester (US) Open Lancome German Open Scand'vn Open Mallorca Open	Masters Phoenix O (US) GGO (US) Dunhill Masters Suntory WMB	Volvo Masters French Open	US Open Memorial (US) *Indepndnt Insurance Agent Open (US)* Sanct'y Cove (Aus)

BADMINTON

An Edinburgh return

By Richard Eaton

Yao Fen, the Chinese teenager who came from nowhere to win the 1986 English Masters, only to disappear again, is returning to Britain as the top women's seed in the Carlton-Vauxhall Scottish Open in Edinburgh from November 24 to 27.

Yao was hailed by some as a future world champion but, surprisingly, she did not even participate in last year's event in Peking. Now she heads an entry including two leading English players in the Commonwealth champion, Helen Troke, and Dutch Open champion, Fiona Smith, the Swedish No. 1, Christine Magnusson, Astrid van der Knaap, of The Netherlands, and, probably, Yao's compatriots, Pan Li and Chen Lianfeng.

The injection of support from its two new sponsors has clearly restored an event, threatened last year with extinction, to its status as one of the world's most attractive grand prix tournaments.

In the men's singles there are potential replays of the European final between the top-seeded Dane, Morten Frost, and Darren Hall, of England, and of the Commonwealth Games final between the Chinese-born Australian, Sze Yu, and Steve Baddeley, of England.

Baddeley, however, has a tough first round opponent in the All England champion from Denmark, Ib Frederiksen, while Steve Butler, of England, the surprise winner of the Canadian Open on Sunday, starts against the seeded Chinese player, He Guoqan.

ICE SKATING

Homeless club joins contest

By Michael Coleman

Skaters of all grades and disciplines — figure, dance and speed — are engrossed in Skate Electric British Challenge, the season-long contest which is revitalizing the sport across England and Wales and which will have its televised finale in April at a venue to be decided.

At Oxford on Sunday the western division holds its second match which will bring Southampton, Aldershot, Cardiff and the host club into the swing of the contest. Twelve other matches, embracing 28 clubs from all existing rinks, will follow throughout the winter, adding an extra motivation to training outside the normal pursuit of medal grades.

As well as stretching physical ability, the contest also finds space for show and theatre skating in which both club choreographers and costumiers have virtually free rein, though within the recently imposed ISU modesty limits, of course.

Southampton's appearance on ice this Sunday at Oxford gives an idea of the enthusiasm the competition has generated since launched by the Electricity Council two years ago. Without warning, the club lost its ice on August 15 when Mecca closed the local rink.

The club's determination to stay alive has obliged its members to travel elsewhere. "Our skaters are fitting in training somehow, either at Basingstoke [45 miles away] or at Bracknell [65 miles]," Chris Dempsey, the club chairman, said. "We have been forced to leave it to our members to find their own ice space."

The team's speed skaters will be drawn on Sunday from Southampton's ice hockey players who, likewise, are not admitting defeat despite the removal of their senior side from the Heineken League because of their inability to provide home ice.

CONTEST DATES: Nov 13: Western divison, at Oxford; Nov 20: Midlands and North West, Nottingham; Dec 3: Southern, Richmond; Dec 10: Midlands and North West, Deeside; Dec 11: Northern, Altrincham; Jan 28: Southern, Lee Valley; Feb 4: Western, Bracknell; Feb 12: Northern, Billingham; Feb 18: Southern, Streatham; Feb 25: Western, Cardiff; March 5: Midlands and North West, Birmingham; March 11: Southern, Peterborough.

CYCLING

Milk Race future secured with £2m sponsorship

By Peter Bryan

Britain's big international event, the 1,150-mile Milk Race, is to be sponsored by the National Dairy Council for a further three years at a cost of £2 million, it was announced yesterday.

It will be the 32nd year that the NDC and the Milk Marketing Board have backed the two-week-long race around England and Wales.

The 1989 event, which is to start in central London with a prologue time trial on May 28 and ends in Birmingham on June 10, could see a Soviet professional team among the 17 squads to be invited. The field will be made up of 11 amateur teams and six professional squads, each of six men, and has a record prize-money of £60,000 on offer.

Stage victories will be worth £1,000 to the winners, second place doubled to £300 and third worth £200.

The Soviet Union, which is to introduce a professional category next season, could be tempted to compete in the race, which their amateurs have won seven times since 1977.

The Soviet "European" team of professionals, to be based in Italy next year, is not seeking selection for the Tour de France, and the Milk Race would make an ideal important test for them.

Although stage start and finish towns have been confirmed, some intermediary routing has yet to be determined, but Phil Liggett, the event's technical adviser, said yesterday that Cheddar Gorge will again feature on the route, as will some tough terrain in the Peak District and the Pennines.

Because of the presence of the 16-strong team of police outriders controlling traffic during the race, it will be possible next year to include a team time trial (from Southport to Blackpool) of approximately 40 miles.

City centre circuit finishes, which often draw crowds of up to 80,000, will be extended next year to eight stages, with one of the most demanding at Lincoln, where riders will cover three laps of six miles, including an ascent of the narrow and cobbled surface of Michaelgate.

Ian Emmerson, president of the British Cycling Federation, called the Milk Race "our flagship", one benefit from which was the number of invitations received for Britain's amateurs to race abroad.

MILK RACE ROUTE: May 28: London prologue time trial. May 29: London to Bournemouth. May 30: Bournemouth to Bristol. May 31: Gloucester to Llandrindod Wells. June 1: Llandrindod Wells to Malvern. June 2: Stoke on Trent to Sheffield. June 3: Barnsley to Liverpool. June 4: Southport to Blackpool. June 5: Rest day. June 6: Preston to Harrogate. June 7: York to Scarborough; Scarborough individual time trial. June 8: Bridlington to Lincoln. June 9: Lincoln to Leicester. June 10: Nottingham to Birmingham.

MOTOR RACING

Demise of Detroit chance for Brands

By John Blunsden

The removal last week of the Detroit Grand Prix from the 1989 FIA Formula One world championship calendar, has reopened the possibility of a European grand prix being held at Brands Hatch next October.

The other alternatives are the reinstatement of the Austrian Grand Prix on its traditional August date, which would then mean three grands prix taking place on consecutive weekends (almost certainly unacceptable to teams in mid-season), or the reduction of the calendar from 16 races to 15, a decision which would have to await the FIA commission's next meeting in Paris in December.

"We would very much like to host a world championship race next season," the chief executive of Brands Hatch Leisure, John Webb, said. "But in order to do so we would need a very quick decision from the governing body. We have already embarked on a programme of circuit improvements for next year, which would need to be remodelled and accelerated to meet the very specific demands of Formula One.

"The work in hand is the first phase of a long-term programme to expand Brands Hatch's facilities and certain elements of this could not be completed inside two years. However, I feel confident that the redevelopment of the pit area and the control tower complex could be carried out in time for a Formula One race next autumn."

The removal of the Detroit race means that unless the dates are rescheduled, there will be a gap of four weeks between the Canadian and French grands prix on June 11 and July 9 respectively, followed by seven more European races in the space of 12 weeks. October 8, therefore, is at present the earliest feasible date for a race at Brands Hatch, a late June race being ruled out because of its proximity to the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on July 16.

The future of the Detroit Grand Prix was put in jeopardy recently when the planned move from the street circuit used since 1982 to a site on Belle Isle near by was blocked. FISA says that Detroit's permit has been withdrawn on safety grounds, but Robert E McCabe, president of Detroit Renaissance, the race promoters, disputes this, claiming that FISA demanded the provision of garage, control tower and promotional facilities which were not possible to provide in the downtown environment.

YACHTING

Europe dinghy Olympic choice

By Barry Pickthall

The Europe-class dinghy yesterday won approval as the new women's singlehander class for the 1992 Olympics at Barcelona. The 3.35-metre una-rigged design drawn by Alois Roland, of Belgium, in 1960 won selection from the women's committee within the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU), beating the more popular Laser by a 6-3 vote.

The women's committee also chose the Austrian-designed Lechner A390 sailboard ahead of the Mistral for the second new women's discipline. It also recommended that both the boards and Europe dinghies be supplied by the Spanish Olympic hosts to encourage participation from Third World countries.

The choice of the Europe, which has little following in Britain, the United States or Asia, came as something of a surprise, but later Hanne-Marie Bense, the chairwoman of the committee, explained that the Belgian design offered greater versatility to the Laser, which is a strict one-design.

Unlike the Bruce Kirby design, which boasts more than 135,000 boats spread among 75 countries, the Europe allows for sailors to select one of two masts to suit their weight and sailing ability. The Laser, whether in its standard or smaller radial rig form, accommodates a much narrower weight band.

Both decisions now go before the class policy and organization committee tomorrow, when the Laser class is expected to lobby hard for a last-minute change before the proposals are adopted on Friday.

The dangerous practice of crews lined along the weather rail with their legs over the side of yachts may be banned next season if the Offshore Racing Council accepts the recommendation put forward by its chairman, John Bourke.

The proposal, which won the backing of the council's special regulations committee yesterday, will outlaw a practice

BOBSLEIGHING

Fours limited by weather to two runs

East Berlin (Reuter) — The World Cup four-man event in Altenberg will be decided in two runs today instead of four runs spread over two days because warm weather has affected the track.

The ADN news agency reported that the first four-man training runs had to be postponed on Monday after the weather unexpectedly warmed up and affected the sensitive refrigerated course.

Crews were able to fit in two runs late on Monday and prepared for two more training sessions yesterday, the agency reported.

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CRICKET

Bhaskar makes strong claim for selection

Faridabad, India (Reuter) — K. P. Bhaskar strengthened his claim for a place in India's test side with a patient 111 for North Zone in the drawn three-day cricket match against New Zealand yesterday. Bhaskar, aged 24, from Delhi, has been close to selection for India for the past three years.

Coming in on Monday after the fall of the opener, Manoj Prabhakar, with only eight on the board, he steadied the struggling North Zone, hitting a six and 16 fours.

North Zone, replying to New Zealand's first-innings total of 389, resumed at their overnight score of 104 for three and were all out at 362 less than an hour before the scheduled close.

A draw had been a foregone conclusion all day and the two sides decided not go through with the remaining mandatory overs. Bhaskar, who was hesitant initially, played some fine shots off his front foot after completing his half-century.

The former captain, Kapil Dev, hit eight fours in his 47 before being caught by Robert Vance off Ewen Chatfield.

Kirti Azad scored five sixes and five fours in his 79 made from 128 deliveries before Christopher Kuggeleijn claimed his wicket with a return catch.

The seam bowler, Daniel Morrison, finished with the best figures of four for 87 and Chatfield took three for 71 on a docile pitch that gave no help to the bowlers.

NEW ZEALANDERS: First innings 389 for 7 dec (J G Wright 123, K R Rutherford 59; C Sharma four for 87).

NORTH ZONE: First innings

M Prabhakar lbw b Morrison	7
R Lamba lbw b Kuggeleijn	25
K P Bhaskar lbw b Chatfield	111
A Kaypee c Blain b Morrison	0
G Singh lbw b Morrison	33
Kapil Dev c Vance b Chatfield	47
K Azad c and b Kuggeleijn	79
R Vinayak lbw b Morrison	7
Madan Lal b Chatfield	0
C Sharma not out	39
P Jain c Greatbatch b Bracewell	0
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 2, w 1)	14
Total	362

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-46, 3-47, 4-125, 5-188, 6-275, 7-289, 8-290, 9-357.

BOWLING: Morrison 24-6-87-4; Chatfield 26-8-71-3; Bracewell 24.3-6-96-1; Kuggeleijn 29-5-80-2; Rutherford 5-1-17-0.

● SYDNEY: The Australian spinner, Tim May, is back in contention for a place in the side that takes on the West Indies at Brisbane in the first test on November 18 (Reuter reports). May, who dislocated the little finger of his right hand last week, has recovered. He and the paceman, Bruce Reid, were the outstanding bowlers for the Australians on the recent tour of Pakistan.

The Australian selectors will announce a Test squad tomorrow or Thursday.

LIKELY TEAM: A Border (capt), G Marsh, D Boon, M Veletta, G Wood, S Waugh, I Healy, G Lawson, T May, C McDermott, T Dodemaide and T Alderman.

BOXING

Mayweather eases to unanimous decision

Las Vegas (Reuter) — Roger Mayweather successfully defended his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-welterweight championship by a unanimous decision over his fellow-American, Vinnie Pazienza, here on Monday night.

The lanky Mayweather, in his fourth defence of the title he won a year ago, gave the shorter and stockier Pazienza a boxing lesson over the final five rounds of the 12-round fight.

Mayweather, aged 27, secured the win in the eleventh round when he knocked Pazienza down for the only time in the bout with a short right uppercut to the jaw. Mayweather, who has 32 wins from 37 bouts, won by 10 points on one of the three judges' scorecards and by seven on the other two judges' cards.

The champion hammered a tiring Pazienza with left jabs and combination rights in the eighth round. Pazienza's left eye, puffy since the fourth, began to bleed. Two ring physicains examined the eye three times, twice in the ninth round and once in the eleventh, but the contest was allowed to continue.

Pazienza's trainer, Lou Duva, emerged with a black eye following a brawl immediately after the final bell.

On the same bill, Gilberto Román, of Mexico, used a piercing jab and tight defence to retain his WBC super-flyweight title by a unanimous points decision over José "Sugar Baby" Rojas, of Colombia.

It was Román's second consecutive victory over Rojas.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Oilers strike it rich

Houston (AP) — Mike Rozier and Alonzo Highsmith led a rugged ground game with touchdown runs and the Houston defense contained the Cleveland quarterback, Kosar, leading the Oilers to a 24-17 victory.

The Houston quarterback, Moon, hit Givins with an eight-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, extending the Oilers' lead to 21-3. But the Browns fought back with a 20-yard double reverse by Langhorne for a touchdown and a four-yard touchdown pass from Kosar to the tight end, Newsome, with 7:26 left in the game. The reception was the 600th of Newsome's NFL career.

The Oilers struck quickly in the third quarter after Meads blocked a punt by Runager at the Browns' 30. On the third play Moon scrambled out of the pocket and hit Givins in the end zone with just 1:54 gone in the second half. Givins made the diving touchdown catch in front of the Browns safety, Wright.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Cup Winners' Cup
Second round, second leg

Aarhus (Den) v Cardiff (5.0)
Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) v Dundee Utd (12.30)

UEFA Cup
Second round, second leg

Austria Vienna v Hearts (6.30)
Rangers v Cologne

Littlewoods Cup
Third round replay

Arsenal v Liverpool (7.45)
Blackburn R v Tottenham H (7.45)

Simod Cup
First round

Aston Villa v Birmingham
Bradford v Brighton
Chelsea v Plymouth
Derby v Bournemouth
Leeds v Shrewsbury
Millwall v Barnsley
Norwich v Swindon
West Ham v West Brom (7.45)

Barclays League
Fourth division

Exeter v Scarborough
Peterborough v Hartlepool

FA VASE: First round replays: Lincoln Utd v Brigg Town; Romsey Town v AFC Totton.

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnborough v Dulwich Hamlet. First division: Basingstoke Town v Southwick; Collier Row v Walton and Hersham. Second division north: Royston Town v Purfleet; Tring Town v Letchworth GC. Second division south: Molesey v Horsham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon v Southport; Gateshead v Frickley.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Exmouth Town (7.45); Torrington v Saltash Utd.

STAFFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Redditch Utd v Leek Town.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Colchester Utd v Southend Utd.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Utd v Newcastle; Sunderland v Sheffield Wed (7.0). Second division: Darlington v Stoke (7.0); Doncaster v Rotherham (7.0); Oldham v Hull (7.0); Port Vale v Middlesbrough (7.0); Preston v Notts Co (7.0); Scunthorpe v Mansfield (7.0); Wigan v Bolton (7.0); York v Blackpool (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton v Portsmouth (2.0); Crystal Palace v Arsenal; Brighton v Tottenham (7.15); Oxford v Wimbledon; QPR v Luton (at Yeading); Reading v Watford (2.0).

OTHER MATCHES: Leytonstone/Ilford v Leyton Orient; Cambridge University v Ipswich Town (at Fenners, 2.0).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Edinburgh v Australia (At Myreside, 2.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Central Glamorgan (7.0); Army v Public School Wndrs; Cardiff v Oxford Univ (7.15); Glamorgan Wndrs v Bridgend (7.15); Gloucester v Cheltenham (7.0); Maesteg v Mid Glamorgan (7.15); Pontypool v Penarth (7.0); South Wales Police v Ebbw Vale (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Civil Service cross-country championships (Richmond Park).

HOCKEY: Hockey Association v Cambridge University (Bisham Abbey, 2.30).

TENNIS: Benson and Hedges championships (Wembley).

SPORT ON TV

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS: BBC2 2.15 p.m. The Benson and Hedges championship from Wembley.

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.20 p.m. Highlights from European football second round second leg matches, international tennis from Wembley, and rugby union news from the Australians' match against Edinburgh.

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: ITV 11.10 p.m. Highlights from Littlewoods Cup third round replays, plus news from Europe.

HOCKEY

In training for world squad

The Association's team to meet Cambridge University in the annual match at Bisham Abbey today will be chosen from an England under-21 squad of 16. It will be the start of the selection and training programme for the Junior World Cup in Malaysia next August.

Mayer and Garcia have already proved themselves and are omitted from the squad.

SQUAD: D Luckes (East Grinstead), A Forshaw (Formby), S Sian (Bristol), A Holmes (London University), Jagdish Barber (Southgate), A Degun (Barford Tigers), J Pidcock (Neston), P Krishnan (Old Loughtonians), J Lee (East Grinstead), M Cross (Bromley), J Chana (Bournville), S Avery (Havant), C Sage (Firebrands), A Waldock (Coventry and North Warwickshire), G Bambury (Oxford University), P McGuire (Teddington).

● The Ulster club, Lisnagarvey, will host the B division of the European club championship from May 12 to 15 next year. The A division will be held at Mulheim, West Germany.

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Sherwoods poised for another treble

By Mandarin

The Sherwood brothers, Oliver and Simon, have an outstanding chance of repeating their recent Worcester treble at Newbury today.

Two of those Worcester winners, Steeple View and **Decided**, should follow up after **The Milroy** has set the ball rolling in the first division of the Wood Speen Novices' Hurdle.

This Buckskin gelding won his only outing last season, a National Hunt flat race at Warwick, by 10 lengths.

Today he meets a strong opponent in Nodform, who was also impressive in winning two bumper events in the north for Don Eddy before changing hands at Doncaster sales for 70,000 guineas.

It is hard to evaluate form in bumper races, but I feel The Milroy has more scope and that his future lies over hurdles.

In the second division of the Wood Speen Novices' Hurdle, the Sherwoods look to have a straightforward task with Decided, who won the Sir Ken Novices' Hurdle on a tight rein at Worcester 11 days ago.

Last season the Affirmed gelding failed to win, but ran very well in top-class company. On his final outing, he finished third at Punchestown in the competitive BMW Champion Novices' Hurdle, won by El-Sid Senor.

Steeple View, who performed well over hurdles before graduating successfully to fences, can complete the Sherwood treble.

A faller on his chasing debut last season, Steeple View put in a fine exhibition of jumping on his second attempt at Worcester last month where he won comfortably from Loddon Lad. He can make his fitness and experience tell in the Cokethorpe Novices' Chase.

Of his rivals I fear Brown Windsor, who makes his seasonal and chasing debut. Last season the Nicky Henderson-trained gelding showed useful form in long-distance hurdle events.

Gala's Image can carry top weight to victory in the Curridge Handicap Chase at the expense of the Sherwood-trained Numerate. Last season Gala's Image made a successful seasonal debut on this course when beating Foyle Fisherman.

Jim Joel looks to have a useful performer in **Mr Optimist** who makes his debut over fences in the Halloween Novices' Chase. The Pollerton gelding is held in high regard by his astute trainer Andy Turnell.

Last season he was unbeaten in his two outings for Turnell in novice hurdles. His earlier victory was achieved in a National Hunt flat race at Limerick.

Mr Optimist is napped to win at the main expense of Wolfhangar, from in the in-form stable of Charlie Brooks. Wolfhangar won only a moderate novice chase at Fakenham and I feel he is not one to trust.

Springholm graduated to fences last season in fine style by winning on three occasions. He has been dealt with accordingly by the handicapper and has to give large amounts of weight to his rivals in the Winterbourne Handicap Chase. However, his rivals appear a moderate lot and he has the class to win.

At Kelso, **The Thinker** has his first race since winning the 1987 Cheltenham Gold Cup when he contests the Arpal Conquest Chase.

Not surprisingly, he is burdened with top weight of 12 stone but, with his three rivals all out of the handicap, I expect him to take all the beating despite his long absence.

Lorcan Wyer, who returned at Sedgefield last Friday after an absence of six months, can land a double with **Monastic Habit** in the Scottish Borders Novices' Hurdle and **On Tap** in the Levy Board Novices' Hurdle.

Ascot plans

Ascot racecourse is to start a rebuilding programme in the Tattersalls grandstand. Four bars and seven luncheon rooms will be built in addition to an office block for the course's administrative staff. The programme will be completed by the spring of 1990.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 The Milroy.
1.00 Steeple View.
1.30 Gala's Image.
2.00 MR OPTIMIST (nap).
2.30 Decided.
3.00 Springholm.
3.30 Blue Marble.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 DECIDED (nap).

Going: good to firm

12.30 WOOD SPEEN NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,811: 2m 100yd) (9 runners)

4	442-	DURBO 19 (F) (Miss J Semple) R Akehurst 4-11-0	I Shoemark (7)	● 99
5	2FF-3	FACTOTUM 22 (D Stone) R Akehurst 5-11-0	Dale McKeown	96
6	0	FLOLINE 19 (P Lee) M Robinson 4-11-0	J Duggan	—
7	00-	GLITZ 249 (C Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-11-0	T Pinfield (7)	—
8	211-	NODFORM 193 (F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 4-11-0	R Rowe	—
9	0/-	PALE KING 697 (C Nugent) D Nugent 7-11-0	M Perrett	—
12	1-	THE MILROY 208 (F) (R Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 5-11-0	S Sherwood	—
14	2	WINDING ROAD 26 (BF) (G Pratt) N Henderson 5-11-0	J White	—
15	P00-	BY LINE 221 (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 4-10-9	S Shilston	—

BETTING: 7-4 Nodform, 11-4 Factotum, 4-1 The Milroy, 9-2 Winding Road, 10-1 By Line, 12-1 Durbo.

1987: VAGADOR 4-11-0 M Perrett (10-1) G Harwood 16 ran

FORM DURBO was a creditable 4l 2nd to Sir Pardo at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft) on final start last season. Fit from the Flat but may need further.

FACTOTUM completed the course only once in three starts last term. Recently 2½l 3rd to Holly Brown at Fontwell (2m 2f, good).

FLOLINE well beaten in a bumper here on debut.

NODFORM showed a good turn of foot when winning bumpers at Ayr (2m, soft) and Market Rasen (2m, firm), by 15l and 10l respectively.

THE MILROY, half-brother to Ten Below and Ten Plus, landed the odds in impressive style on only outing last season when beating Eeeceegee 10l in a Warwick (2m, firm) bumper.

WINDING ROAD lost a lot of ground at the start when ¾l 2nd to Young Ty in a bumper at Wetherby (2m, good to firm).

BY LINE has shown little form over hurdles.

Selection: NO SELECTION

1.0 COKETHORPE NOVICE CHASE (£2,707: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

3	3/132F-1	STEEPLE VIEW 11 (D,G) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 7-11-5	S Sherwood	● 99
5	P/1820/-	BELFALAS LAD 676 (F) (Mrs R Morris) P Hedger 7-11-0	M Richards	—
7	11/0104-	BROWN WINDSOR 216 (F,G,S) (W Shand Kydd) N Henderson 6-11-0	M Bowlby	—
8	000115-	CHASE THE LINE 191 (F) (D Hornby) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	—
10	0050/U-B	GENERAL BEE 18 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-11-0	D Skyrme (7)	—
12	0/P30P-0	MARCHESI 25 (Mrs C Ockwell) J O'Donoghue 7-11-0	M Furlong	—
14	04P-6	RAMSDELL 21 (D Makins) B Smart 6-11-0	B Powell	—
16	540P-60	RING OF SECRETS 11 (M Evans) T Jones 6-11-0	H Davies	—
21	0202-05	WEIRPOOL 11 (H Spooner) W Kemp 6-11-0	S McKeever (7)	85

BETTING: 11-10 Steeple View, 7-2 Chase The Line, 6-1 Ring Of Secrets, 8-1 Brown Windsor, 10-1 Marchesi, 12-1 Ramsdell, 16-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM STEEPLE VIEW is a promising chaser who made a winning reappearance when beating Loddon Lad 1½l at Worcester (2m 4f, good).

BROWN WINDSOR, makes his chasing debut, beat Tenzig 2½l in a handicap hurdle at Doncaster (3m 1f, good) last season.

CHASE THE LINE, who makes his chasing debut, won novice hurdles at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to firm) and Cheltenham (2m 4f, firm), by 4l from No One To Blame on the later occasion. Acts on top of the ground and stays well.

RAMSDELL needed the race when 6th of 18 to Man On The Line in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm) on seasonal debut. Having first race over fences.

WEIRPOOL was 26l 5th of 11 behind Pantomime Prince at Ascot (2m, good to firm) on chasing debut, with RING OF SECRETS (same terms) 12l 7th.

Selection: STEEPLE VIEW

1.30 CURRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,837: 3m) (8 runners)

1	443F22-	GALA'S IMAGE 207 (C,F,G,S) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 8-12-6	B Powell	95
2	3/54FP-	ARCTIC STREAM 169 (F,G,S) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 9-11-6	K Mooney	98
4	11FPU-P	ON THE TWIST 19 (D,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-11-2	R Rowe	83
5	42140P-	NUMERATE 219 (D,F,G,S) (R Clarke) O Sherwood 9-11-1	S Sherwood	● 99
7	20114-1	COMEDY LANE 13 (D,F,G,S) (A Stoddart) D Barons 9-11-0 (7ex)	P Nicholls	94
8	F4122-6	BORDER LAD 12 (D,G,S) (R Felers) M Oliver 7-10-12	J Railton (7)	94
10	1/332U-2	GOLDEN DELICIOUS 13 (F,G) (J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 8-10-0	R Dunwoody	91
11	/14F2-6	DONALD DAVIES 11 (G) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-0	P Scudamore	89

Long handicap: Golden Delicious 9-12, Donald Davies 9-9.

BETTING: 9-4 Comedy Lane, 3-1 Gala's Image, 9-2 Donald Davies, 6-1 Numerate, 8-1 Border Lad.

1987: YAHOO 6-11-7 T Morgan (9-4 fav) J Edwards 10 ran

FORM GALA'S IMAGE has some useful chasing form, though is often let down by some tardy jumping. Successful on debut last season when beating Foyle Fisherman 5l here over 2m 4f (good).

ARCTIC STREAM is a genuine type who ran creditably when 2½l 4th to Aquilifer in a listed race at Ascot (3m, heavy).

NUMERATE has run moderately since winning at Nottingham (2m 6f, good to soft) in December by 1½l from Ten Of Spades.

COMEDY LANE is a useful chaser who made a winning reappearance when beating GOLDEN DELICIOUS (5lb better off) 7l in a slowly-run handicap at Wincanton (3m 1f, good). Appears well handicapped despite a 7lb penalty.

BORDER LAD was in touch for 2m before weakening to finish 28½l 6th of 12 to Green Gorse at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good to soft).

DONALD DAVIES looked in need of the race when a poor 6th of 10 behind Steeple View at Worcester (2m 4f, good).

Selection: COMEDY LANE (nap)

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs M Rimell	9	48	18.8
R Akehurst	5	27	18.5
D Nicholson	15	101	14.9
J Jenkins	12	83	14.5
O Sherwood	8	59	13.6
K Bailey	3	23	13.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Dale McKeown	4	15	26.7
P Nicholls	3	15	20.0
M Perrett	7	37	18.9
S Sherwood	15	94	16.0
H Davies	17	114	14.9
P Scudamore	21	145	14.5

KELSO

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Interim Lib.
1.15 Fredcoteri.
1.45 Monastic Habit.
2.15 The Thinker.
2.45 Scottish Simbir.
3.15 Macusla.
3.45 On Tap.

By Michael Seely
2.15 Centre Attraction. 3.45 On Tap.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 ON TAP.

Going: good

12.45 KELSO RFC CHAMPIONS HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,288: 2m 6f) (20 runners)

1	000FPF-	BANTEL BANZAI 186 (I Park) I Park 5-11-7	N Tutty (4)	—
2	00/00-P	BAY BRIDGE 14 (I Jordon) I Jordon 7-11-7	P Craggs	—
4	F646-20	DARK EMPEROR 12 (I Sykes) P Liddle 7-11-7	A Kirtley (7)	● 99
5	00025/0	DARWINA 48 (R Johnson) R Johnson 6-11-7	K Johnson (7)	—
6	05F/004-	DEVON DISCOVERY 301 (Mrs W Crawford) W Crawford 6-11-7	C Sample (4)	86
8	6-30530	GILLANBONE 5 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 8-11-7	Mrs M Kendall (7)	79
9	5/6PP/P	GREAT TARQUIN 19 (Miss C Cunningham) T Cunningham 11-11-7	Miss S Horner (7)	—
10		INTERIM LIB (R Henderson) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-7	J Bradburne (7)	—
11	P03-343	ITALIAN TOUR 22 (J Plowright) Mrs G Plowright 8-11-7	Mrs S Plowright (7)	94
12	0P/	LETRIC 564 (R Brewis) R Brewis 7-11-7	A Robson (7)	—
18	44	WALTINGO 19 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-7	A Costello (7)	78
20	0/0	WILLIE WADE 19 (William Ed Wade Ltd) B McLean 7-11-7	S Swiers (4)	—
21	0P/U00-0	CALMATA 22 (Lady Ann Bowlby) Lady Ann Bowlby 7-11-2	D Kinsella (7)	—
22	00-	CELTIC DAWN 219 (B Mactaggart) B Mactaggart 5-11-2	B Mactaggart (7)	—
24	0F-0	DUKY'S PENNY 19 (Mrs B Marsh) T Donnelly 6-11-2	D Swindlehurst (7)	—
25	656-335	FORALLOVUS 19 (Mrs D Thomson) Mrs D Thomson 4-11-2	D Mactaggart (7)	80
26	0	FUTURE FAIR 22 (A Bonas) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-2	H Brown (7)	—
28	0F50-	JOHANNA KEYS 267 (G Pickering) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-2	T Carr (7)	—
29	0000-0	MISTY RUNNER 43 (Mrs P Sullivan) R Robinson 4-11-2	S Charlton (7)	—
30		SPRINGHILL SONG (Miss K Stevenson) G Richards 5-11-2	P Doyle (7)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Waltingo, 4-1 Dark Emperor, 5-1 Italian Tour, 6-1 Devon Discovery, 8-1 Gillanbone, 10-1 Forallovus, 12-1 Future Fair, 16-1 others.

1987: BISHOPDALE 6-11-0 Mr A Costello (7-4 fav) W A Stephenson 20 ran

1.15 CHERRYTREES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,590: 2m 196yd) (7 runners)

1	10324-3	KARENOMORE 12 (D,BF,G,S) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 10-12-2	L Wyer	● 99
2	11046-2	FREDCOTERI 35 (D,BF,G,S) (T Murphy) G Moore 12-11-8	M Hammond	87
3	524-511	CENTRE ATTRACTION 5 (CD,F,G,S) (N Mason) G Richards 9-11-7 (10ex)	L O'Hara (7)	87
4	2-12131	TACTICO 25 (D,F,G,S) (I Dalgleish) W Fairgrieve 6-11-2	G Bradley	88
5	P/61FP5-	ADEN APOLLO 301 (CD,G,S) (J Sim) R Allan 7-11-1	D Nolan	93
7	23222-5	VULRORY'S CLOWN 13 (D,F,G) (T Bayley) O Brennan 10-10-9	J J Quinn	85
11	3461-62	IMPAGE 44 (D,BF,G,S) (D W Nicholson) S Leadbetter 10-10-0	J Hansen	83

Long handicap: Impage 9-10.

BETTING: 9-4 Fredcoteri, 3-1 Karenomore, 9-2 Tactico, 11-2 Centre Attraction, 12-1 Impage, Vulrory's Clown, 14-1 Aden Apollo.

1987: CENTRE ATTRACTION 8-11-5 P Tuck (5-2 jt-fav) G Richards 8 ran

1.45 SCOTTISH BORDERS TROPHY JUVENILE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £3,256: 2m) (16 runners)

1	210	LIFE'S A LARK 11 (CD,G) (T Wilson) T Barron 11-3	G Harker	86
2		AFRICAN AFFAIR 21F (Mrs J Trotter) R Whitaker 10-12	M Ennis	—
3	80	BUSTON KING 28 (Mrs J Park) Denys Smith 10-12	B Storey	—
4		GIPSY RAMBLER 23F (Mrs D Bolton) N Chamberlain 10-12	A Orkney	—
5		HATS HIGH 7F (V) (S Dinsmore) J S Wilson 10-12	M Dwyer	—
6		MACHO MAN 58F (D Ward) G Moore 10-12	M Hammond	—
7	4	MONASTIC HABIT 11 (Capt M Watson) M W Easterby 10-12	L Wyer	● 99
8		PRIMULA AGAIN 29F (Kavli) W Bentley 10-12	P Harris (4)	—
9	54	SONSIE MO 35 (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 10-12	P Niven	80
10		STATED CASE 39F (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing Plc) M H Easterby 10-12	R Marley (4)	—
11		SWEET CITY 58F (D Little) G Richards 10-12	P Tuck	—
12		TWO-HALFS 161F (J Johnson) J Johnson 10-12	R Guest	—
13		WISLON 4F (P Roche) J Parkes 10-12	R Fahey (4)	—
14	60	FLY FAR 11 (Charlotte Lady Reay) W A Stephenson 10-7	A Merrigan	—
15		LADY TENDERFOOT 378F (C Ainsworth) D Yeoman 10-7	C Hawkins	—
16		THE GREY BOMBSHELL (T Macdonald) Denys Smith 10-7	A G Smith (7)	—

BETTING: 2-1 Monastic Habit, 4-1 Life's A Lark, 6-1 Macho Man, Stated Case, 10-1 Sweet City, 12-1 Sonsie Mo, 14-1 Fly Far, 16-1 others.

1987: GOODWYNS LAD 3-10-12 M Hammond (3-1) G Moore 22 ran

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2.0 HALLOWEEN NOVICE CHASE (£3,993: 2m 160yd) (6 runners)

2	1501F-1	WOLFHANGAR 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Samuel) C Brooks 5-11-13	P Scudamore	● 99
8	234324	FATHER PADDY 21 (P Morgan) J Webber 6-11-8	G Mernagh	87
13	30/111-	MR OPTIMIST 219 (S) (H Joel) Andrew Turnell 7-11-8	Steve Knight	—
15	U4500P-	PRUDENT MATCH 196 (M Villiers) Miss L Bower 9-11-8	R Rowell	85
16	3060-43	RUSTSTONE 21 (G,S) (R Brown) P Brown 8-11-8	J Brown (7)	90
18	0/6F0-36	ROD OF IRON 11 (Miss T Smart) J Fitch-Heyes 5-11-5	R Goldstein	91

BETTING: 4-7 Wolfhanger, 2-1 Mr Optimist, 4-1 Rod Of Iron, 8-1 Ruststone, 12-1 others.

1987: PRIVATE VIEWS 6-11-8 K Mooney (6-1) N Gaselee 7 ran

FORM WOLFHANGER was left clear by the fall of Bigee at the last to come home an easy 12l winner from Barsoora at Fakenham (2m, good). An improving young chaser, he looks sure to go close.

MR OPTIMIST, unbeaten in 2 hurdles last season, makes his chasing debut today. On his latest run, only had to be pushed out to beat Parsons Law 2½l at Hereford (2m, good to soft). Has the scope to do well over fences.

RUSTSTONE stayed on late to finish 7l 3rd of 7 to My Cup Of Tea at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm), with FATHER PADDY (same terms) 2½l further back in 4th. RUSTSTONE should confirm the placings.

ROD OF IRON was a well-beaten 6th of 11 behind Pantomime Prince at Ascot (2m, good to firm) and needs to improve to figure here.

Selection: WOLFHANGER

2.30 WOOD SPEEN NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,802: 2m 100yd) (7 runners)

1	233-1	DECIDED 11 (F) (R Green) O Sherwood 5-11-5	S Sherwood	● 99
2	40640-1	DUKE'S WHISTLE 11 (D,F) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-5	R Dunwoody	80
4		COUNT TREVISIO 29F (B Keay) P Howling 4-11-0	—	—
5		DOODLIN 469F (C Wacker III) S Christian 4-11-0	J Osborne	—
7	03020-	LALITPOUR 33F (E Kelly) J Jenkins 4-11-0	—	86
11	6/1/0-PF	RED FESCUE 22 (F) (J Plaistowe) J Bridger 6-11-0	R Goldstein	—
15		ROSEA PLENA (M Villiers) Miss L Bower 4-10-9	R Rowell	—

BETTING: 10-11 Decided, 6-4 Duke's Whistle, 10-1 Lalitpour, 12-1 Doodlin, 14-1 others.

1987: HILL'S PAGEANT 8-11-5 K Mooney (4-6 fav) F Walwyn 12 ran

FORM DECIDED was an impressive winner at Worcester last month, quickening clear to beat Five Corners 7l (2m 2f, good to firm). He can follow-up today.

DUKE'S WHISTLE got up on the line to beat I'll Do The Jokes a short-head in a modest novice hurdle at Ascot (2m, good to firm) and has more to do.

LALITPOUR, fit from the Flat, showed plenty of ability last season. Best effort was a 6l 2nd of 14 to Wingspan at Newbury (2m 100yd, good)

DOODLIN, a fair middle-distance maiden on the Flat in 1987, could prove best of the newcomers.

Selection: DECIDED

3.0 WINTERBOURNE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,820: 2m 160yd) (4 runners)

1	11132F-	SPRINGHOLM 299 (CD,G,S) (C Harvey) D Nicholson 8-11-10	R Dunwoody	87
3	25-0536	BUTLERS PET 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Hicks) T Hallett 9-10-12	M Richards	94
4	35P-3FB	BUCKFAST ABBEY 18 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-10-4	D Skyrme (7)	95
5	F3-15R6	HETTINGER 6 (D,F,S) (Miss L Quick) J Fitch-Heyes 8-10-2	R Goldstein	● 99

BETTING: 5-4 Springholm, 5-2 Buckfast Abbey, 100-30 Hettinger, 13-2 Butlers Pet.

1987: HOPE END 9-9-7 W Humphreys (6-1) R Dickin 5 ran

FORM BUCKFAST ABBEY was brought down at the 4th fence in the race won by Abbeybraney at Huntingdon last time (2m 200yd, good to firm); earlier was making good progress when falling at the 8th in the race won by Diamond Digger at Chepstow (2m, good), where BUTLERS PET was tailed off.

BUTLERS PET, 17½l 5th of 9 behind Davy's Weir at Fontwell last time (2m 2f 110yd, good) has yet to find his form this season.

SPRINGHOLM, a useful novice last season, winning 3 times, culminating in an easy 10l win over Mr Key over the course-and-distance in November (good). Should go well despite top weight.

HETTINGER, 6th of 11 behind Royal Craftsman in a handicap hurdle at Kempton last time (3m, good). Reverts to fences here and is not the safest of jumpers.

Selection: BUCKFAST ABBEY

3.30 CHEQUERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,616: 3m 120yd) (7 runners)

3	00111-2	STAG DINNER 16 (D,BF,F) (Mrs M Valentine) C Brooks 5-11-10	R.Teague	● 99
6	00021-0	MR GOSSIP 15 (G,S) (Lady Beven) N Henderson 6-11-3	R Milner	93
8	30-4332	WELL COVERED 34 (F,G) (G Hamilton) R Hollinshead 7-11-1	Gary Lyons	90
10	0F3P6-U	PELION 8 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs A Garrett) J King 8-10-11	P Barry	—
12	330R-0F	KUTATI'S BELLE 29 (F,G) (D Baxter) D Barons 7-10-7	N Hawke	—
13	606-	BLUE MARBLE 264 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-10-6	B Murphy	80
14	0F063-4	RAPAGAIN 19 (I Reed) K Bailey 9-10-4	D Mustow	94

Long handicap: Kutati's Belle 9-10, Blue Marble 9-9, Rapagain 9-7.

BETTING: 15-8 Stag Dinner, 7-2 Mr Gossip, 9-2 Well Covered, 6-1 Kutati's Belle, 8-1 Rapagain, 12-1 Pelion, 20-1 Blue Marble.

1987: TAKE NO TRASH 6-10-5 C Llewellyn (5-4 fav) N Henderson 16 ran

FORM STAG DINNER was just touched off when beaten a neck by It's A Pry at Fakenham last month (2m 5f 110yd, good). Progressive sort who won his final 3 races last term and stays well.

WELL COVERED, placed in all 4 starts this season, stayed on well to finish 4l 2nd to Jay-Dee-Jay at Cheltenham last time (2m 4f, firm). Not the easiest of rides.

MR GOSSIP never showed when unplaced behind Myliege at Plumpton on seasonal bow (2m 4f, good). He is better judged on his easy 6l win over Blockade at Newton Abbot in May (2m 5f 110yd, good). Would go close if reproducing that form.

RAPAGAIN was 18l 4th to Northern Flats at Ludlow last month (2m 5f, good) and has claims off her low weight.

KUTATI'S BELLE reverts to hurdles after falling at the first in a novice chase at Newton Abbot last time.

Selection: STAG DINNER

Guide to our in-line racecard

1	113143	GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0	B West (7)	88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 ARPAL CONQUEST CHASE (Limited handicap: £3,551: 3m 4f) (4 runners)

1	54111/	THE THINKER 601 (G,S) (T McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 10-12-0	A Merrigan	—
4	244P/2	SICILIAN ANSWER 19 (F,G,S) (G Richards) G Richards 11-10-7	P Tuck	90
5	2136-22	OAKEN 25 (C,F,G) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 7-10-7	M Dwyer	● 99
7	U4-R254	THETCHU 12 (G,S) (Mrs G Reed) W Reed 10-10-7	T Reed	63

Long handicap: Sicilian Answer 9-4, Oaken 9-4, Thetchu 6-9.

BETTING: Evens The Thinker, 5-4 Sicilian Answer, 4-1 Oaken, 20-1 Thetchu.

1987: DURHAM EDITION 9-10-9 R Lamb (13-2) W A Stephenson 4 ran

2.45 MIDDLEMAS OF KELSO LTD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,592: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1	32/148-	SCOTTISH SIMBIR 285 (G,S) (Mrs W Crawford) W Crawford 8-11-13	T Reed	96
2	244124-	BLUFF KNOLL 217 (C,S) (R Brewis) R Brewis 5-11-7	G Harker	96
3	512F-PF	UP COOKE 26 (F,S) (E Quilgotti) G Moore 7-11-5	M Hammond	—
5	04030-0	LOTHIAN ADMIRAL 19 (S) (W Morrison) G Richards 6-11-0	P Tuck	96
6	400013-	GOLDEN ASSET 183 (S) (W Hoey) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-5	P Niven	● 99
7	242P64	NEW KINGSGROVE 5 (G) (P Purcell) P Monteith 9-10-3	J K Kinane	92
8	002/0P-	PARK PRINCE 186 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-10-2	A Costello (7)	

BETTING: 5-2 Lothian Admiral, 7-2 Golden Asset, 4-1 Scottish Simbir, 6-1 New Kingsgrove, 8-1 Bluff Knowl, 12-1 Up Cooke, 14-1 Park Prince.

1987: BOGAZKOY 5-10-3 R Beggan (15-2) W Kemp 14 ran

3.15 RACING POST NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,683: 2m 196yd) (13 runners)

1	524-FU1	MACUSLA 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs K Hawkey) R Hawkey 6-11-6	A Orkney	● 99
2	PP-	ABDICATOR 338 (Col D Greig) J Oliver 8-11-4	T Reed	—
3	P/35601-	BLACK SPUR 163 (G) (J Hope) C Parker 8-11-4	B Storey	—
5	54F130-	COOL STRIKE 237 (S) (T Knowles) G Moore 7-11-4	M Hammond	—
6	P/00/	DAVID WOOD 623 (R Robinson) R Robinson 8-11-4	S Turner (4)	—
8	PP3-225	MILLSTREAK 49 (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 8-11-4	M Meagher	85
9	0/1114/	NORVAL 599 (F) (N Mason) G Richards 6-11-4	P Tuck	—
12	3020U0-	SHESNOONS LAST 163 (W McGhie) W McGhie 8-11-4	J J Quinn	—
13	032112-	SOUTHERN MINSTREL 174 (S) (Hathaway Ltd) W A Stephenson 5-11-4	A Merrigan	—
15	30-5264	UPTOWN 49 (G) (A Batey) A Batey 8-11-4	A Carroll	—
16	0	NOT SO SHARP 25 (B Kidd) J Gillen 5-10-13	Ger Lyons (4)	—
17	2/4U4F-4	TYCOON MOON 11 (A Crow) A Crow 7-10-13	Mr A Crow	94
19	UP-P3F3	WORTHY LIGHT 11 (E Robson) E Robson 7-10-13	M Dwyer	92

BETTING: 7-4 Cool Strike, 100-30 Macusla, 9-2 Millstreak, 5-1 Southern Minstrel, 8-1 Norval, 12-1 Uptown, 16-1 others.

1987: CATCH THAT 8-11-6 G Harker (8-1) M Smith 14 ran

3.45 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,637: 2m) (15 runners)

3	12	ON TAP 26 (D,BF,F) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 4-11-7	L Wyer	● 99
5	00/5000-	CAPRICORN BLUE 331 W Barker) Mrs P Barker 5-11-0	C Hawkins	74
6	0-	DANRIBO 5F (P Roche) J Parkes 5-11-0	R Fahey (4)	—
7	044-42	DIRECT INTEREST 58 (J Frew) Denys Smith 5-11-0	D Crossman (7)	83
10		FLAXON WORRIOR 775F (Miss B Baker) A Le Blond 4-11-0	G Bradley	—
12		INTARSIA (J Hinchliffe) J Oliver 4-11-0	T Reed	—
13	00P/00-	MASTER-BLOW 23F (D McCaskill) D McCaskill 9-11-0	B Storey	—
15	006/6-	RIVER BLUES 155F (J McLaren) J S Wilson 5-11-0	J J Quinn	68
18		SHARON'S ROYALE 19F (D Gill) R Whitaker 5-11-0	S Turner (4)	—
19	0	SOYBEAN 19 (A Batey) A Batey 4-11-0	A Carroll	—
20		WILLIEWAM (R Lamb) D Lamb 6-11-0	K Jones	—
22	28	CANDLEBRIGHT 48 (Mrs D Whitaker) G Richards 4-10-9	P Tuck	81
24	0-0	LUCRATIVE 12 (M McCarthy) A Robson 5-10-9	G Harker	—
25	2-	MONTEVIOT 231 (J Lees) S Leadbetter 4-10-9	J Hansen	—
27	00/5423-	PERSIAN BLADE 301 (W Dalgleish) G Moore 5-10-9	M Hammond	78

BETTING: 6-4 On Tap, 5-2 Direct Interest, 5-1 Persian Blade, 6-1 Sharons Royale, 12-1 Candlebright, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M W Easterby	4	14	28.6
G Moore	8	34	23.5
G Richards	15	78	19.2
Mrs G Reveley	14	73	19.2
M H Easterby	3	18	16.7
J Wilson	12	73	16.4

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Wyer	4	14	28.6
M Hammond	13	50	26.0
R Fahey	4	18	22.2
G Harker	9	42	21.4
P Tuck	17	85	20.0
G Bradley	6	31	19.4

Jim Thorpe, seen here winning at Cheltenham last season, returns to the course for Saturday's Mackeson Gold Cup

Fancied Smart Tar is Mackeson doubt

By Christopher Goulding

Smart Tar, one of the best handicapped runners in Saturday's Mackeson Gold Cup, will miss the race if the going remains good to firm.

"I could not be more pleased with him, but he will only run if we have some rain." Mark Wilkinson, the gelding's trainer, said yesterday.

The going at Cheltenham is good to firm at present but rain is forecast for the area before the end of the week.

Smart Tar, who gave Wilkinson his biggest victory in last season's Mildmay Of Flete at the Cheltenham festival, put up an excellent performance on his seasonal debut at Newbury last month when beaten four lengths by Pegwell Bay.

"I was delighted with that performance," Wilkinson said. "But the trouble with this horse is he suffered very badly when caught up in some barbed wire and was close to being put down a couple of years ago.

"Since that accident he is prone to sore shins. If the ground is firm he will go to Newcastle for the William Swales Handicap Chase on the same day.

"If he does run, Martin Lynch, who had the ride at Newbury, will again have the mount. He will be riding all my horses for the moment now that Carl Llewellyn is out of action with as broken arm."

Llewellyn was expected to partner the Tim Forster-trained Pegwell Bay but Hywel Davies is now likely to come in for the ride.

Raise An Argument, from the powerful Harewood stable of Monica Dickinson, is reported in fine fettle. "We are very pleased with the horse and Jamie Osborne will be back on him," Tony Dickinson, the trainer's husband, said.

Gee Armytage resumes her association with Gee-A, runner-up to Beau Ranger in the Mackeson 12 months ago, but Geoff Hubbard's nine-year-old is another who would appreciate rain.

SATURDAY'S BIG RACE BBC1

Advance going: good to firm

2.10 MACKESON GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £22,140: 2m 4f) (19 four-day declarations)

301	132P3-2	BISHOPS YARN (CD) (BTRB Plc) G Balding 9-11-10	R Guest
302	24U11-1	JIM THORPE (C,D) (MC Inns Ltd) G Richards 7-11-10	P Tuck
303	3111P-1	RAISE AN ARGUMENT (D) (J Poynton) M Dickinson 9-11-5 (3ex)	J Osborne
304	F11P5-5	COTTAGE RUN (C) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 8-11-3	R Dunwoody
305	2U312-1	PEGWELL BAY (D) (A Barlow) T Forster 7-11-2 (3ex)	H Davies
306	211331-	COMERAGH KING (D) (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-1	M Dwyer
307	2PC2-36	GEE-A (CD) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-10-13	Gee Armytage
308	1572-15	WELSH OAK (D) (G Amey) D Gandolfo 8-10-12	S Smith Eccles
309	0/313-4	THE ARGONAUT (CD) (Queen Elizabeth) F Walwyn 10-10-12	K Mooney
310	11-121F	GIOLLA PADRAIG (CD,BF) (J Walker) W Stephenson 10-10-10	Mr A Costello
311	22241-3	SMART TAR (CD) (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 7-10-10	M Lynch
312	331P-23	WARNER FOR LEISURE (C) (T Warner Spts) P Hobbs 10-10-9	Peter Hobbs
313	0251-33	TOWNLEY STONE (C,D) (Mrs P Townley) J Webber 9-10-5	G Mernagh
314	111243	YANGTSE-KIANG (G Fry) J Bradley 8-10-3	G Davies
315	4P-214P	DORONICUM (D) (K Fraser) G Richards 9-10-0	J Hansen
316	611111-	AUGHAVOGUE (D) (K Bell & Son) J Edwards 6-10-0	T Morgan
317	64U652-	DUDIE (D) (J Halewood) R Akehurst 10-10-0	Dale McKeown
318	035/22-3	GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (A Carver) C Trietline 10-10-0	J Shortt
319	163P-25	ACE OF SPIES (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 7-10-0	B Powell

Long handicap: Doronicum 9-12, Aughavogue 9-11, Dudie 9-7, Gembridge Jupiter 9-5, Ace Of Spies 9-3.

BETTING (Mecca): 4-1 Jim Thorpe, 7-1 Raise An Argument, 8-1 Townley Stone, 9-1 Giolla Padraig, Pegwell Bay, 11-1 The Argonaut, 12-1 Comeragh King, Smart Tar, 14-1 Bishops Yarn, Welsh Oak, Aughavogue, 16-1 Warner For Leisure, 20-1 Cottage Run, Gee-A, 25-1 Yangtse-Kiang, Doronicum, 33-1 Dudie, Gembridge Jupiter, Ace Of Spies.

Dunwoody injures knee

Richard Dunwoody twisted his left knee when unseated from Master Muck in the Allensmore Chase at Hereford yesterday and is likely to be out of action for a few days. Victory went to George Mernagh on Samsun.

Dunwoody, who rode a treble at the corresponding meeting last year, missed a winning ride on Bick Benedict in the Levy Board Novice Handicap Hurdle, Jamie Osborne proving an able deputy.

Lefrak City produced several spectacular leaps to take the Westbury Homes Handicap Chase for the second year running, coming home 20 lengths clear of Winter Measure.

The winner was completing a double for Tim Forster, earlier successful with Fiddlers Three at Devon.

Hereford results

Going: good

1.0 (2m 3f hdle) 1. **GUNNER STREAM** (E Murphy, Evens fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. **Squire Jim** (B Wright, 12-1); 3. **Highland Laird** (P Tuck, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Adams Imprint (5th), 20 Book Token (f), Moorstown Rambler (4th), True Clown (6th), 25 Ha'penny Bridge, 33 Lucy King, Spartan Chief, Official Enough (bd), Glitsey Puss (f), Buck And Doe Run (f), Birchgrove Central, Arnold's Choice. 15 ran. 8l, 6l, 3l, 7l, 3l. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £2.40, £1.40, £2.90, £2.60. DF £22.10. CSF: £13.77.

1.30 (3m 1f hdle) 1. **MIDSUMMER WALK** (M Ayliffe, 16-1); 2. **Ryans Dove** (J Lower, 11-2); 3. **Bute Bouquet** (J Osborne, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Gilbe's Waffle (5th), 7 Fion Wonder, 8 No Credibility (6th), 10 Nialan, 20 Cloud Chaser (4th), Stocksign (pu), The Betchlor, 33 Matchlessly (pu), 50 Dusty Farlow (fell). 12 ran. 2½l, 5l, 2½l, 2½l, 10l. N Ayliffe at Minehead. Tote: £30.30, £7.30, £3.30, £1.40. DF: £82.50. CSF £90.72. Tricast £345.95. Bought in 1,000gns.

2.0 (3m 1f ch) 1. **SAMSUN** (G Mernagh, 7-1); 2. **Amber Blossom** (T Morgan, 7-4 jt-fav); 3. **Celtic Dream** (R Crank, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 jt-fav Master Muck (f), 8 Master Attorney (4th). 5 ran. NR: Foxscopse. Nk, dist, 15l. J Webber at Mollington. Tote: £11.20; £4.20, £1.40. DF: £23.30. CSF: £18.18.

2.30 (2m 3f ch) 1. **LEFRAK CITY** (H Davies, 13-8 fav); 2. **Winter Measure** (C Smith, 7-2); 3. **Kittinger** (I Lawrence, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 10-3 Rhoecus (4th), 16 Cardinal's Outburst (pu). 5 ran. 20l, 1½l, nk. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.50. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.42.

3.0 (2m ch) 1. **SUPER SPARK** (J Osborne, 11-10 fav: Michael Seely's nap); 2. **Abbeybraney** (R Stronge, 7-4); 3. **Deep Ridge** (W Irvine, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11 Maranzi (4th) 33 Dundalk Bells (pu). 5 ran. 2l, 10l, dist. S Christian at Lambourn. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.20.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1. **MOUNTEBOR** (T Morgan, 9-4 fav); 2. **Pipers Copse** (M Perrett, 5-2); 3. **Owen** (T Pinfield, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Beech Park (5th), 7 Run For Free (4th), 25 You'll Do, 66 Betrim (6th). Faithful Charlie (pu), Frampton House, Goldfinger, Mundy Star. 11 ran. ½l, 2½l, 5l, 1½l, 4l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £1.10, £3.80. DF: £4.70. CSF: 7.78.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1. **BICK BENEDICT** (J Osborne, 8-1); 2. **Bendeid** (K Burke, 13-2); 3. **Altafran** (M Sharratt, 11-1); 4. **Torpromise** (T Morgan, 9-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Twilight Moth, 8-1 Plam Talk (ref to race), Celtic Rifle, 11 Hot Gem, 14 Taxi Lad, 20 Sir Dubel (pu), Rare Bid (5th), 25 Aseal, 33 Pop Picker, 50 Picadilly Prince, Soho Sue, Tamworth Track, Chicas Belle. 17 ran. 1l, 10l, 3l, 1½l, 10l N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £13.20, £4.40, £1.10, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £35.80. CSF £54.59. Tricast £522.61.

Placepot: £10.80.

Michael Seely landed a 16-1 treble yesterday with Midnight Madness (9-4), Fiddlers Three (6-4) and Super Spark (11-10, nap). Private Handicapper's six winners included 16-1 shot Romful Prince and his top rating Gunner Stream (Evens).

Devon & Exeter

Going: good

1.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1. **SAYFAR'S LAD** (P Scudamore, 10-11 fav); 2. **Auction Law** (P Nicholls, 13-8); 3. **Brimstone Hill** (J Duggan, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Fairfields Cone (4th), 20 Lord Crusty (pu), Colehele (f), 25 Commanche Brave (f), Upham Rainbow, 50 Affinative (6th), Evesham Butchers (pu), Mr Laurel, Free Twist (5th). 12 ran. NR: Didnelps. 30l, 12l, 6l, dist, 12l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote. £2.20; £1.30, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.95.

1.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1. **FIDDLERS THREE** (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav); 2. **Okeetee** (B de Haan, 5-1); 3. **Cantoral** (K Mooney, 25-1). ALSO RAN 4 Border Archer, 8 The Fly Boys (5th), 12 Pop Song, 16 Ami Rod (f), Firth Of Forth (4th), 20 Bolt Head, Cock A Leekie (6th), 33 Castesus, Dizzy Queen, Mistress Ross, My Purple Prose. 14 ran. 3l, 6l, 12l, 3l, 2l. T Forster at Letcombe Bassett. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.90, £4.00. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10.24.

2.15 (3m 5f ch) 1. **MIDNIGHT MADNESS** (Mr R Greene, 9-4 jt-fav); 2. **Glenside Jerry** (J Frost, 9-4 jt-fav); 3. **Broadheath** (P Nicholls, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Little Polver (5th), 11 Dart Over (4th). 5 ran. NR: Beaconside. 7l, 10l, 6l, 10l. D Bloomfield at Launceston. Tote: £3.30; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.47.

2.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1. **THAT THERE** (P Scudamore, 4-7 fav); 2. **Firework William** (J Frost, 8-1). 3. **T Catty** (G McCourt, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 20 The Milton Lady (pu), 50 Little Hawthorns (pu), Mick Mulligan (pu), Olde Cytler (pu), Laughing-Missie (4th), Taupie (ur). 9 ran. NR. Bewitching Wind. 12l, 30l, 15l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £4.20. CSF. £6.56. Bought in 2,700gns.

3.15 (2m 1f ch) 1. **JUST THIS ONCE** (P Nicholls, 10-1); 2. **Grey Tornado** (G McCourt, 14-1); 3. **Another Schedule** (B de Haan, 4-7 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Dawn Prince (5th), 10 Bold Impression (ur), 11 Malcho (4th), 14 Keyboard King (ur), Wild Deal (ur), 16 Skylark Wonder (f), 25 Dragonade (pu), Kilton Park (f), Stardust Roc (6th), Rose Red City. 13 ran. 15l, ½l, 7l, 10l, 1½l. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £11.00; £2.10, £2.40, £1.30. DF: £86.70. CSF: £142.85.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1. **ROMFUL PRINCE** (Lorna Vincent, 16-1); 2. **Sonny Hill Lad** (N Coleman, 8-1); 3. **Solent Lad** (S Moore, 11-1); **Rix Woodcock** (A Webb, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Free Travel, 4 Smithy Bear, 8 Forcello (ur), 11 Danny's Luck, 16 Amatory, Blenders Choice, Cima, Colonel Popski (5th), Polar Bear (6th), 20 Fort Lino, 33 Marster, Fair Charter. 16 Ran. 10l, ¾l, ¾l, 2½l, nk. C Mitchell at Dorchester. Tote: £21.00; £4.20, £1.70, £2.00, £12.50. DF: £322.60. CSF: £151.32. Tricast: £1,389.19.

Placepot: £15.80.

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Skull caps for trainers to be made compulsory

Skull caps will be compulsory for trainers from the start of next Flat season, the stewards of the Jockey Club decided yesterday.

All trainers will have to sign an undertaking when they apply for a licence or permit that they will wear a skull cap whenever riding in the course of their work.

If trainers are subsequently found not wearing one while riding, they may be asked to appear before the disciplinary committee for misleading the stewards.

The National Trainers' Federation has been consulted on this move and has decided not to oppose it if it becomes a condition of a licence being granted.

The Jockey Club also agreed yesterday to give a 1lb allowance to National Hunt jockeys from November 21 to compensate for mandatory body protectors.

Statistics showed the introduction of body protectors had not caused a weight problem, the Jockey Club said, but they had taken into account the "firm views" expressed by senior jockeys.

From next February body protectors will also be mandatory for point-to-point riders.

Also discussed at yesterday's meeting were possible sites for all-weather tracks. The stewards passed their conclusions to the Levy Board and a joint statement announcing which courses have been selected will be announced after the Levy Board meeting on November 16.

The stewards are to ask the Levy Board to provide £240,000 for horse ambulances at all racecourses.

Akehurst cautioned on Hillis

By Phil McLennan

Reg Akehurst was yesterday cautioned by the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club as to the future riding of his apprentice, Ron Hillis.

The 5lb claimer has fallen foul of local stewards three times this season over his use of the whip and accordingly became the first jockey to be referred to Portman Square since the Jockey Club's guidelines on the subject were published earlier this year.

Hillis, aged 21, was yesterday fined £100 by the stewards, having been suspended twice in mid-summer for offences at Bath (two days) and Windsor (five days).

Akehurst said: "Ron has got to comply with the rules, otherwise he has no future. I must admit when he has been in trouble it has looked bad. He has an aggressive manner with the whip but the horses have always come back fine."

The trainer added that he normally instructs Hillis to give a horse two or three slaps if necessary and after that to ride with hands and heels.

Hillis admits that his style looks bad, and is determined to change it. "After Newbury I rode at Lingfield and Newmarket and never bothered with the whip," he said.

Akehurst is certainly prepared to give Hillis another chance. "He has ability and is quite capable of riding without using a whip. I definitely intend to use him next year."

Irish-born Hillis, whose 10 winners this season were all trained by Akehurst, will ride in Trinidad this winter.

Treble brings up 60 for Scudamore

Peter Scudamore, who registered the fastest 50 a fortnight ago, raced on to the fastest 60 on record with a treble on Sayfar's Lad, Fiddlers Three and That There at Devon and Exeter yesterday.

Remarkably, the champion's 60 was brought up one day ahead of the previous record for the half-century set by John Francome in 1984.

Fiddlers Three was a rare Scudamore ride for Tim Forster while the other pair are both trained by Martin Pipe.

Brendan Powell gave up the rest of his rides after hurting his neck when Commanche Brave fell in the first race.

Television sport set to break records

SPORT AND TELEVISION

IN THE '90s

The long-awaited White Paper on broadcasting opens the way for dozens of new television channels. The armchair sports fan can look forward to all-day and all-night sport on screen.

Peter Ball and **John Goodbody** examine how the television companies are preparing for the revolution and consider the implications for sport itself.

Improved vision: wider coverage of sport on television will make life much easier for the armchair enthusiast come the 1990s

Television coverage of sport is likely to treble over the next four years. The Government White Paper, which was issued on Monday, clears the way for a dramatic increase in the number of international and minor domestic sports to be screened.

Only 2,850 hours of sport were shown on television last year; the satellite and cable revolution will drastically change viewing habits by the time the present ITV franchises are put out for competitive tendering in 1992.

Two channels devoted entirely to sport, Eurosport and Screensport, will by then have come on stream, to be followed quickly by British Satellite Broadcasting's *Now* channel, which will cover news and sport.

Eurosport and Screensport intend to show sport 24 hours a day. Screensport insist that it will do so early in 1989; Eurosport, which launches in February, will start with 16 to 18 hours a day. BSB will emphasize sport in peak hours, between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m., and expects to show up to 10 hours a day under an agreement with TWI, a subsidiary of the International Management Group.

With Sky channel, the Rupert Murdoch organization which jointly owns Eurosport with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), also showing approximately two hours of sport a night on its entertainment channel, there will be a minimum of 52 hours per day sports coverage on satellite alone.

HOURS OF COVERAGE

		1987	1986	1985
1	Cricket	412	335	350
2	Snooker	357	394	398
3	Racing	278	275	293
4	Bowls	178	112	81
5	Golf	175	148	167
6	Football	171	262	136
7	Tennis	162	188	184
8	Athletics	152	131	94
9	Boxing	71	58	60
10	Rugby Union	66	39	39
11	Darts	59	54	56
12	Equestrianism	58	56	43

Source: Sportscan (Sports Sonsorship Computer Analysis Ltd) 1987.

Even if the proposed Channel 5 and the two extra satellite channels which were announced on Monday show no interest in covering sport, and if the major networks are persuaded to reduce their coverage — which cannot be entirely ruled out — the increase in sports coverage which these figures reveal is staggering.

Needless to say, the satellite companies were generally delighted with the vote of confidence the White Paper gave them, and are looking forward to the future with conviction. "After movies, sport is the most important thing we will do," Bob Hunter, the managing director of the *Now* channel, insisted yesterday. "Sport occupies only about three per cent of the BBC and ITV programming at peak time, which is when we are going to show it. We will be a proper sports channel targetted at a UK market."

In contrast, Eurosport and Screensport are international channels. Screensport, which already shows nine hours of sport a day, including such appetizing events as the recent Real Madrid v Barcelona match, on cable and is also showing in France and Germany already, is linked with the leading American sports satellite, ESPN. This gives it access to unlimited American sports, which at the moment comprises approximately 22 per cent of its air time.

"We will be covering acres of sport," Chris Howland, the former Cambridge University cricket captain who is the channel's publicity director, remarked. "We can buy quite a lot of material from Europe and America. We will show full games where the broadcasters have edited highlights, and we will run repeat patterns."

Sport is not only popular with television companies, it is cheap. Even the Winter Olympics, one of the most expensive operations this year, cost only £30,000 an hour. *News at Ten* costs £115,000 an hour; *Coronation Street* costs £120,000; some situation comedies can cost over £200,000.

Eurosport, which will have access to all the footage shot by the members of the EBU, has similar plans, although it also stresses a commitment to covering minority sports, with European cycling and American football getting some air time alongside the major tennis, golf, athletics and football events.

Clearly, major live events will dominate the battle between the three satellite channels, and indeed will continue to be at the centre of the major network coverage.

Mike Luckwell, the chairman of Parallel Media, which markets the Davis Cup and golf's World Cup, said: "What pleased me about the White Paper were the continuing references to the word 'sponsorship'. At the moment there are not enough hours in the day to cover sport adequately on television. With the new channels, there will be additional programming.

"The public expects the best and the best is international, but there will also be a market for domestic sport, concentrating on minority events, targetting particular interest groups." But Simon Reed, an executive with Pascoe Nally International, warned that some minor sports may become excited by the prospect of television coverage but, if the ratings are poor, television will cease coverage, as has happened with basketball.

Whether more means better is a matter of some debate. At least some observers believe that the rule of the market place will lead to a surplus of cheap packages bought in from the United States and at the same time a decline in the support given to minority sports.

Mike Murphy, of the independent production company, TSL, warned earlier this year: "Once you dilute the market place, the public element will go from broadcasting and with it indoor hockey, badminton and swimming, except as fillers at 2.00 a.m., unless the sponsors want to buy airtime." The decision to remove the public service requirements from Channel 3, as ITV will become, reinforces Murphy's warning.

The White Paper plan to leave the BBC virtually untouched, however, removes some fears in this regard, although the pinning back of the licence fee after 1991 may persuade it to reduce its commitment to minor sports.

Ironically the opening up of Channel 3 to competitive tendering may even leave football feeling the draught. The £44 million four-year contract, the richest ever in British television sport, was partly designed to stifle BSB at birth. Instead, with ITV's position changing, the new franchise owners may decide that football at that price is no longer worthwhile.

Although the appetite for sport will clearly be enormous, the easy option of buying in package programmes from Europe or the United States is much cheaper than producing programmes. "The days of dear old badminton getting half an hour from Basingstoke Town Hall are dead and buried," John Bromley, ITV's head of sport, said.

There is one proviso to Bromley's conclusion: the possibility that sponsors will begin to pick up the tab for the programmes. But whether a fragmented audience will have the same appeal to sponsors as the major network audiences remains to be seen.

Looking to the future: Bob Hunter, the managing director of Now channel, with a model of its satellite dish (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Councils are cautious but optimistic over proposals

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said of the White Paper: "In the short term, sport will have to be careful.

"The expansion of television may not be of immediate value to a lot of governing bodies but I think the proposals will eventually prove to be beneficial.

"There will be a temptation early on for TV companies to put cheap, flashy American stuff on television but the public will soon get fed up with that. I also think a few of the new channels will also go to the wall.

"If British sport gets its act together, then in the long-run organizations will benefit because they will find it easier to get sponsorship. The exposure on television will also help increase participation."

Lawson said he hoped that channels would introduce a "pay-for-view" policy, thus ensuring a financial return to the sporting bodies.

The Sports Council, the Government-supported quango, is considering setting up a steering group to look at the issue. It would give advice to sports bodies and companies and also act as a lobby group.

A spokesman said: "We welcome the White Paper. It will allow a greater range of sport to be shown on television, as Channel 4 has done in the past and will bring greater money into sport both directly and through sponsorship.

"Hopefully it will also inspire people to take up particular activities."

TENNIS

Chatrier refuses to yield control

By Richard Evans

If Mats Wilander ran the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), Philippe Chatrier would have fewer qualms about handing over control of the men's professional tour to the players.

Chatrier, president of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), stands at the epicentre of the storm that is threatening to blow the game's fragile alliances to pieces and is seen, by various factions, as the greatest stumbling block to a settlement.

Beliving passionately in the traditions of the game, Chatrier was the most unbending and combative of the ITF delegates last week when Ray Moore and his ATP colleagues announced their intention to break away from the Men's Tennis Council and run their own tour in 1990.

After the unhappy meetings at Queen's Club, some ITF officials were talking, very privately, of trying to persuade Chatrier to stand down from the Council as a gesture of appeasement. Chatrier refused.

Chatrier is always guided by his intuitive reactions to personalities rather than the causes they espouse. It is too simplistic to brand Chatrier as anti-player because there was a time, when his great friend Jack Kramer was running the ATP, when he was pro-player.

"Mats Wilander talked for a long time about the differences between us when he was in Paris a few days ago," Chatrier said. "I understood exactly what Mats was trying to tell me.

"I recognize him as a sincere and intelligent person. He is a man of honour; a tennis man who has the best interests of the game at heart.

"But Mats has to train and play top-class tennis. He does not have time to do much more than attend board meetings. I have to look behind him and see who is really running the ATP and then I get nervous.

"If it was Mats I would not mind letting the players have the control they seek. And they do want control — even Mats is adamant about that. 'We want the final say,' he kept telling me. With him I would give it, but with some of the others I shall not name I cannot — at least not without a fight."

Just as he fell out with Lamar Hunt, owner of the World Championship Tennis tour, and the two leading agents, Mark McCormack and Donald Dell, so Chatrier is finding himself unable to stomach the latest power player in the game, Hamilton Jordan, the former White House Chief of Staff who took over as executive director of the ATP 18 months ago.

Although his business acumen tells him they are indispensable, the poetic side of Chatrier's nature still wishes the money men would go away. For many reasons it is a tragedy that Chatrier is being viewed in some quarters as the arch-enemy of player progress and the irony is not lost on him.

"You may not believe it now, but in 1974, right after the Wimbledon boycott, I told Allan Heyman, who was then president of the Federation, and Basil Reay, the secretary, that the best thing they could do was let the ATP go off and run its own tour.

"They both got very angry and asked how I could even suggest such a thing. But in those days the Federation was not equipped for professional tennis. That is no longer true and, anyway, player control is not fair on the tournament directors who are secretly terrified at being totally at the mercy of the ATP."

Since Mats Wilander is not about to take over from Hamilton Jordan, one can be certain that the next move will not be surrender.

Damage to bone puts Becker out

From Richard Evans
Stuttgart

Boris Becker arrived here yesterday with his foot in plaster, having spent the night in a Munich hospital, so he is out of the Stuttgart Classic tournament, organized by his manager, Jon Tiriac.

At Wembley, Len Owen, the Benson and Hedges touranment director, who has been left with anyone Tiriac could not lure with over-the-table guarantees and $335,000 in prize-money, might find that ironic. But Tiriac can afford to lose Becker because he has three of the game's biggest draws, John McEnroe, Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors.

Becker hurt his ankle in the semi-final of the Stockholm Open last week. Although he was able to defeat Peter Lundgren in the final, X-rays revealed a chipped bone and damaged ligaments. Becker hopes to be fit for the Masters in the first week of December.

All 8,000 seats are sold so Tiriac will survive without Becker, but it is rotten luck for the player. Foot problems forced him out of the Olympics and since his return he has looked more like his old self.

Tiriac's insistence that he had little option but to stage his event in the same week as Wembley only bears out the divisive and uncooperative nature of the men's tour.

The refusal of the Men's Tennis Council to recognize that special events exist creates the clashes that put Antwerp against the Stockholm Open last week and Stuttgart against Wembley.

If the players live up to their pledge, it will not occur when the ATP runs its own tour in 1990. The showcase events, of which the Benson and Hedges is hoping to be one, will be guaranteed exclusivity by the only people in a position to guarantee it — the players.

RESULTS: Round-robin stage: C-U Steeb (WG) bt T Mayotte (US), 7-5, 6-3; A Gómez (Ec) bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-4, 7-5.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Houston Oilers 24, Cleveland Browns 17.

ATHLETICS

MAIDSTONE: Kent Women's cross-country league (4,500 metres) 1, D Bradford (GEC Avionics), 18min 51sec; 2, H Heesman (Invicta East Kent) 19:12; 3, C Redcliffe (Cambridge Harriers), 19:48. Team: Invicta East Kent. *PITSEA:* 5 miles road race: 1, C Reitz (Newham and Essex Beagles), 23min 18sec (course record); 2, S Lamb (Basildon), 23:34; 3, A Catton (Ilford) 24:14. Veterans: D Nankivelle (Barking RR) 26 33. Women: 1, A Hazell (Bishops Stortford) 27.57 (course record); 2, J Holland (Sale) 28.23; 3, T Pyke (Southend) 28:59. Veteran: D Neild (Thurrock) 30.38

BADMINTON

BANDAR LAMPUNG, INDONESIA: Asian championships. Men's quarter finals: X Guobao (China) bt R Sidek (Mal), 15-7, 15-2; A Wiranata (Indo) bt S Kukasemkij (Thai), 15-12, 15-12; F K Keong (Malaysia) bt H Susanto (Indo), 15-7, 9-15, 15-5, L Zhihong (China) bt B Fernadien (Indo), 15-9, 15-12. Women's quarter finals: T Jiuhong (China) bt Lee Heung Soon (S Korea), 11-2, 11-2; S Susanti (Indo), bt H H Young (S Korea), 7-11, 11-3, 11-0; S Wen (China) beat M Timur (Indo), 11-2, 11-5; H Hua (China) bt Sarwendah (Indo), 5-11, 11-6, 11-2.

BILLIARDS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Strachan UK professional championship (GB unless stated). First round: R Foldvari (Aus) bt G Thompson, 4-0; I Williamson leads F Davis, 3-0; M Russell bt H Nimmo, 4-0; R Close bt H Griffiths, 4-0; N Dagley bt J Karnehm, 4-0; M Ferreira (Ind) bt M Wildman, 4-2. C Everton w/o R Edmonds. Quarter finals: M Russell bt Foldvari 4-1; R Close bt I Williamson (holder), 4-0.

BOXING

ROTTERDAM: European light-heavyweight championship (12 rds): Jan Lefeber (Neth) bt Pedro van Raamsdonk (Neth, holder), pts.

CRICKET

PERTH: Tour match: Tamil Nadu 202 for 7 (V Sivaramakrishnan 50 not out). Western Australia 204 for 2 (T Moody 80, G Wood 74 not out). Western Australia won by eight wickets.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Swindon 0, Southampton 0. Reading v Watford, postponed.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Third round: Southampton 1, Bristol 1.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army 4, Essex 0 (at Aldershot).

GOLF

LEADING US PGA TOUR MONEY-WINNERS: 1, C Beck, $776,018 (£438,000); 2, J Sindelar, $708,532; 3, A Lyle, $653,334; 4, B Crenshaw, $627,895; 5, K Green, $627,514; 6, D Frost, $621,900. 7, C Strange, $812,644; 8, M Calcavecchia, $611,245; 9, L Wadkins, $544,330; 10, P Azinger, $528,250. Other British: 64, N Faldo, $179,120; 128, K Brown, $81,111.

HOCKEY

NEW DELHI: Asian Zone qualifying matches for Junior World Cup: S Korea 1, India 0; Japan 8, Oman 0; Malaysia 1, China 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 3, St Louis Blues 3; Calgary Flames 6, Hartford Whalers 3.

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS LEAGUE. Second division north: Kingston North East 0, GI Sports Abbeydale 5; Colorfactory Nottingham 2, Embassy Edgbaston Priory 3

TENNIS

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: First round: R White (US) bt L Allen (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; P Louie-Harper (US) bt H Ludloff (US), 7-6, 6-4. A Grossman (US) bt M L Daniels (US), 6-4 6-3, A Frazier (US) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; A Smith (US) bt S Stafford (US), 6-3; 6-4; S Rehe (US) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; R Fairbank (SA) bt W Turnbull (Aus), 2-6, 7-6, 6-2.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, M Wilander (Swe); 2, I Lendl (Czech); 3, A Agassi (US); 4, B Becker (WG); 5, S Edberg (Swe); 6, K Carlsson (Swe); 7, J Connors (US); 8, T Mayotte (US); 9, P Cash (Aus), 10, M Mecir (Czech).

GRAND PRIX POINTS LEADERS: 1, Wilander, 5,943. 2, Becker, 4,979; 3, Edberg, 4,762; 4, A Agassi, 4,328; 5, Lendl, 4,097; 6, Connors, 2,898. 7, Mayotte, 2,613; 8, Carlsson, 2,522; 9, H Leconte (Fr), 2,200; 10, Y Noah (Fr), 2,065.

WOMEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (WG); 2, M Navratilova (US); 3, C Evert (US), 4, G Sabatini (Arg); 5, P Shriver (US); 6, N Zvereva (USSR); 7, M Maleeva (Bul); 8, H Sukova (Czech); 9, Z Garrison (US), 10, B Potter (US)

WORLD JUNIOR RANKINGS: Boys: 1, N Pereira (Ven); 2, G Ivanisevic (Yugo); 3, G Raoux (Fr); 4, N Kulti (Swe); 5, R Jabali (Br); 6, L Jonsson (Swe). Girls: 1, C Tessi (Arg); 2, J Faull (Aus); 3, F Labat (Arg); 4, R McQuillan (Aus); 5, N Sawamatsu (Japan); 6, P Miller (Uru).

SPORTS POLITICS

Ski chief chides Moynihan

On the eve of the ski racing season, Tom Fitzpatrick, chairman of the cash-hit British Ski Federation, issued an appeal to Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, yesterday, to speed his reorganization of the Sports Council and the redistribution of its financial aid.

British skiing is in danger of serious cut-backs as a result of the abolition of the Sports Council's subsidies previously awarded for Olympic preparation. That amounts to a loss of £100,000 for skiing.

Fitzpatrick said: "We only heard about it in the middle of September and that was a bit late, to put it mildly. Now we're in a position that if we don't get that kind of money in two weeks then the programmes we have planned for Nordic and freestyle skiing will be cut enormously.

"We applaud what Colin Moynihan is trying to do with the Sports Council, but he has got to hurry up. Wouldn't it have been more sensible to have made these changes last year?" Fitzpatrick added: "Other winter sports are in a similar situation. I think the Government needs a kick up the backside."

Britain's Alpine team, headed by Martin Bell, will not be hit too hard because of the £500,000 sponsorship from Drambuie, but future development could suffer.

What frustrates the ski administrators is that the financial crisis comes just at the time when British competitors in Nordic and freestyle are reaching standards which make them medal contenders for the 1992 Olympics.

YACHTING

De Savary launches a second Cup challenge

By Barry Pickthall

Peter de Savary launched a second challenge for the America's Cup last night, just hours before the deadline set by the San Diego YC for the next defence, proposed for 1991.

This late challenge, issued on behalf of the Royal Burnham YC, is in addition to de Savary's earlier notice of intent, which was lodged immediately after the last Cup match in September, under the burgee of his own, newly formed Port Pendennis YC. Both challenges have the backing of Tony Berry's Blue Arrow employment agency and provides the Falmouth-based syndicate with the opportunity to enter two boats in the challenge trials.

De Savary's double bid follows a similar move taken by Alan Bond, the Australian who pooled his resources with Iain Murray's syndicate from Sydney to form a two-pronged attack on the Cup through the the Royal Perth YC and Cruising Club of Australia.

This brings the likely number of contending clubs to 24 following two other late challenges from the YC de France and the Offshore Racing Club of Australia.

The one noticeable absentee among challengers is New Zealand, which is still contesting the outcome of the last contest in the New York Supreme Court and could prejudice its case if it were to enter a second event organized by the San Diego club.

SQUASH RACKETS

Harris heads ranking list

Del Harris, the British closed champion, has maintained his No. 1 position in the latest national rankings. But the former champion, Geoff Williams, slips to third place at the expense of Jamie Hickox, who has climbed eight places after a successful summer climaxed by a US Open semi-final place.

Phil Kenyon, who has retained his top-10 placing in the world rankings, also drops a place to fourth. Simon Taylor, of Leicestershire, re-enters the top 10 for the first time in three years after a successful run of results which included victory over Harris.

LEADING RANKINGS: 1, D Harris (Essex); 2, J Hickox (Surrey); 3, G Williams (Sussex); 4, P Kenyon (Lancs); 5, B Beeson (Northumbria); 6, J Nicolle (Hants); 7, P Whitlock (Devon); 8, S Taylor (Leics); 9, N Harvey (Essex); 10, R Owen (Avon).

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Oswestry romp back with a second wind

By George Chesterton

After their half-term break, **Oswestry** have continued their run of success. The only goal of their match with **Shrewsbury** was scored by Dann 10 minutes from the final whistle when he cashed in on a half-cleared corner.

Against **King's, Chester** *Oswestry were two up at half-time* but ran away with a further six goals in the second half; Davies and Hawkins each scored three, the former bringing his total for the season to 16; Evans scored the other two.

Brentwood entertained **Kimbolton** and controlled the first half, scoring three times at 10-minute intervals. Sullivan had the first and Findlay the next two. Kimbolton came back after the interval, encouraged by an outstanding display by Smith, their goalkeeper, and pulled one goal back five minutes from time.

Eton won with an identical score when they were at home to **Aldenham**. *Fleming put them* one ahead by half-time. Five minutes after the restart Tight brought Aldenham level, St George put Eton ahead from a free kick and Trusted put the issue beyond doubt 10 minutes from time.

Winchester travelled to **Charterhouse** and also won 3-1. Lloyd and Baker scored twice for the visitors in the first half, with the home team reducing the deficit from a corner before half-time. Lloyd finished the scoring with a hard drive from 30 yards.

Corinthian-Casuals won 2-1 in a close contest with **Southern Independent Schools.**

Quick goal for Dodds

By George Chesterton

Winchester 1
Lancing 3

From the first whistle, Evans crossed the ball from the left for Dodds to tap the ball out of Bailey's reach to put Lancing one ahead after 30 seconds. Winchester settled down and looked threatening with long passes coming into the centre. Baker equalized for them after 15 minutes when he headed wide of Moulding from a free kick.

Winchester might have taken the lead but Baker shot wide from a penalty. But Lancing had the last word in the first half when Dodds scored a similar goal to his first. Their third which put the issue beyond doubt, came from a long, awkwardly bouncing shot by Phillips which eluded Bailey with just 10 minutes left.

WINCHESTER: C Bailey; N Abbott, G Baker, J Harris, S Belde, D De Lanoy Meijer, W Weir, C Van Der Noot, N Lloyd, J Fisher (sub: J Macley), A Duff.
LANCING: M Moulding; M Phillips, T Fowler, D Hand, J McManus, R Dodds, A Near, J Ouinton, L Hannam, I Brown-Peterside, B Evans.
Referee: P Metcalfe (Winchester).

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Putting brandy back in snaps

David Miller

The second weekend of independent television's mega-bucks production, *The Match*, was as equally watchable as the first show was awful. Television, like football and, indeed, like all of us, can have its off days. Fortunate to have genuine entertainment from Nottingham Forest and Arsenal, the ITV team relaxed, forgot the hype, talked sense and provided an agreeable two hours of sport, using rather than abusing the power of the camera.

Its next action, in 10 days' time, will cast a ghoulish eye on ailing Tottenham, whose stricken team is put to the test again tonight. It is a pity for the Spurs players that the clandestine negotiations of the summer, which precipitated the £44 million television deal, have left much of the sporting population feeling that the team's plight is poetic justice for what was seen as unforgivable elitism at the time by the leading clubs.

Irving Scholar, Tottenham's chairman, was undoubtedly a prime mover — together with Martin Edwards, of Manchester United, and the now deposed David Dein, of Arsenal, and Philip Carter, of Everton — in the deal to obtain more money from television and in particular a larger slice for the top audience-pullers. Yet Scholar categorically denied, in discussions I had with him before the home defeat by Derby County, that there was ever any possibility of a breakaway by the top 10 clubs.

If that is indeed so, and I have no reason to question Scholar's assurance, then this was not the perception of the public. The negotiations, in opposition to the official deal initiated by the League's management committee with BBC/BSB — direct via satellite — were viewed not as good business but as an exploitation of power and a threat to the League's 100 years of democracy.

No discussion of a breakaway

More money was simultaneously bad publicity: at least in the way the deal was conducted. If Carter and the rest retained good faith towards the rest of the League, then their action needed infinitely better public relations.

Scholar admits that PR may have been inadequate, that some public statement of reassurance should have been made forcefully and earlier. John Bromley, head of sport at ITV, says: "I think the notion of a breakaway may have been leaked from the football side to strengthen the argument for acceptance."

Scholar, however, says: "There was no discussion of a breakaway. It never got to that stage. The idea of any form of break from the League without promotion and relegation is a non-starter. Football is about dreams, and promotion and relegation are fundamental to the system. Don't forget, Tottenham are the only non-League club (since the League's formation) ever to have won the FA Cup, in 1901. The ITV proposal began with their wishing to buy exclusive rights at five grounds, with the other 87 available to BBC/BSB."

He further argues that negotiations cannot be conducted in public, with the media privy to the debate. Yet because sport is, as he says, about dreams, it often does not ride comfortably on an expediently driven commercial wagon.

It is one of life's ironies that, though Spurs are financially now in a different league to the days of Bill Nicholson, they are, for the moment, nothing like the team to watch.

Wanted: US-style commissioner

Scholar claims that the first division clubs are now, in spite of, or because of, Carter's dismissal, more united: which is to say, more determined to achieve a restructuring of the League in which they can more directly determine their own direction and future. What the League needs is an executive commissioner, American-style, independent of all clubs. Neither Gordon McKeag, of Newcastle United, one of the nominees for president, nor any other club director can be that.

Meanwhile, it cannot be denied that if football is to be televised, then it makes sense to get the largest possible sum. It remains to be seen whether Greg Dyke, chairman of the ITV sports committee, has bought himself a £44 million stale cheese roll or an irresistible cream brandy-snap.

Last Sunday's programme was good viewing because we were not constantly being told it was good viewing. The game was allowed to speak for itself. Brian Moore's commentary was informatively low-key, Graham Taylor and Ian St John interpreted intelligently, projecting the game rather than themselves. The profusion of cameras gave us a splendid worm's-eye and bird's-eye view, getting as close to the play as is possible sitting at home.

As one of television's most experienced producers said last week: "Television cannot alter the game. It cannot talk about Our Match. It's not. We can only carefully graft some of our technologies onto the camerawork." Bromley is happy with the second show. "First nights are always too tense," he says. "This time, we relaxed a bit and got the feel of the game."

Taking a dive: Fepuleai, the Western Samoan scrum half, is hounded by Lee, of Pontypridd (Photograph: Huw Evans)

FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL NAME CUP SQUAD TINGED WITH INEXPERIENCE

Injuries force Dalglish to plumb the depths again

By Ian Ross

The strength in depth which has been instrumental in Liverpool's 20-year domination of English football will be put to perhaps its severest test at Highbury tonight.

They face a Littlewoods Cup third-round replay against Arsenal mindful that their inauspicious start to the season could well be compounded by an early exit from a competition which they have won four times since 1981.

The feeling of optimism harboured by Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, on Saturday after learning that his lengthy casualty list was at last showing signs of shortening, all but dissipated yesterday when he was forced to name a provisional travelling squad, liberally sprinkled with inexperienced and "fringe" players.

With Burrows, the recent signing from West Bromwich Albion, unavailable because he is cup-tied, and Venison ruled out with a groin strain from Saturday's win over Middlesbrough, Dalglish will be forced to field a defence made up entirely of men playing out of position or with limited senior experience.

With Hansen and Gillespie still absent, Dalglish has had to draft in Watson, aged 20, a centre back who has only recently recovered from an ankle operation, and Staunton, who has started only two first-team games.

Grobbelaar is included in the squad seven weeks after he was admitted to hospital suffering from meningitis. During Grobbelaar's 11-match absence, Hooper has proved to be an admirable understudy but Dalglish may well decide that there is no substitute for experience.

Dalglish's problems worsened yesterday morning when Rush reported for treatment on a damaged thigh muscle. He will undergo a late fitness test.

The Liverpool manager conceded that his side was lucky to have won a reprieve in last week's first meeting. "They were better than us and had the best chances. I suppose that we were fortunate in some respects," he said.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, will keep faith with the side which moved into second place in the first division on Sunday with a 4-1 win over Nottingham Forest.

Highbury officials are predicting a crowd in excess of the 54,703 which witnessed the meeting of the two clubs in August last year.

Terry Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, who earlier in the week admitted that his players were suffering from a crisis of confidence, had the additional problem of injuries to two key players as he prepared for the third round replay against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park.

Mabbutt (hamstring) and Fairclough (ankle) were injured during the weekend defeat by Derby County and would appear to have only a 50-50 chance of playing.

Butters and Polston, who have no first-team experience, have been added to the squad

Odds stacked against Hearts

From Clive White, Vienna

Few British clubs can have approached an important European tie in greater disarray than Hearts do tonight. The past week has seen one half of the management team dismissed, a power struggle in the boardroom and a continued slump in fortunes in the premier division.

It would be something of an understatement to say that not a great deal is expected of them in the second leg of their UEFA Cup second round tie with FK Austria, which is goalless after the first leg at Tynecastle.

Little seems to have gone right for Hearts, runners-up to Celtic in the League last season, since they decided to part with Robertson. If they could hardly believe their luck when Newcastle United offered £700,000 for the little forward, they must be having second thoughts now. Ferguson, his less mobile replacement from Dundee United, has yet to win over Alex McDonald, the manager, despite scoring nine goals this season.

It seems likely, if not logical, that McDonald will again overlook him in favour of a £50,000 midfield player from Halifax Town. Galloway was thrown forward in desperation during the final minutes of the first leg and McDonald is tempted to give it another go.

Hearts' problems have been further complicated by injuries, not least to McPherson, the mainstay of their defence, who has a groin injury. McDonald has to decide whether to risk him three days before the local derby with Hibernian. Losing face in Europe is one thing but at Tynecastle. . . .

If ever McDonald needed Sandy Jardine to confide in, it is now. The severance of a partnership which went back to Rangers' days and the Cup Winners Cup glory of 1972, has left McDonald looking decidedly vulnerable.

One win in 13 League games has done little for Hearts' confidence but they seem to be encouraged by FK Austria's lack of iniative in the first leg. But with players of the quality of Ogris, Percudani and the veteran, Prohaska, one would hardly have thought the Austrian league leaders would be found wanting for imagination a second time.

History is against Ibrox men

By a Special Correspondent

Rangers will attempt to write a new chapter in their history by pulling back a two-goal deficit against Cologne in the UEFA Cup game at Ibrox tonight, something they have never achieved in more than 25 years of European competition.

A tall order has been made even more so by injuries and the suspension of Ally McCoist, who got himself sent off in Cologne a fortnight ago and will watch the game from the sidelines, along with Neale Cooper, Ray Wilkins, Andy Gray and Ian Durrant.

However, Davie Cooper, a match-winning winger on his day, is fit to return and the management team of Graeme Souness and Walter Smith remain optimistic.

● Dundee United's European Cup Winners' Cup hopes plummeted with the sub-zero temperatures in the Romanian capital last night as two key players were ruled out of today's return leg against Dinamo Bucharest.

Jim McInally, the midfield player, pulled a calf muscle while taking part in a simple warm-up routine, and Mixu Paatelainen has a thigh injury.

Porto face holders five goals down

Oporto (Reuter) — Porto attempt to become the first club in European Cup history to overturn a five-goal deficit when it meets the holders, PSV Eindhoven, today in the return leg of the second-round tie.

Injuries provide the main worries for PSV, who beat Porto's great domestic rivals, Benfica, in last season's European Cup final. Three first-team regulars, including the international midfield player, van Aerle, have already been ruled out and the forward, Kieft, is doubtful with a knee strain.

The Italian champions, AC Milan, without their captain, Gullit, will need to survive a test of character in Belgrade today if they are to justify their position as favourites for the Cup. The first leg against Red Star in Milan ended 1-1.

If Milan survive, they should be joined in the last eight by the 1986 winners, Steaua Bucharest, the Swedish champions, Gothenburg, Real Madrid, of Spain, and Neuchâtel Xamax, of Switzerland.

Steaua travel to Spartak Moscow with a 3-0 first-leg lead for protection. Gothenburg have a similar lead against Nentori Tirana, of Albania.

France's new 'pilot' grounds the Press

Rennes (AFP) — France have changed their travel agents to shut themselves off from the Press when they go to away matches. "We needed to isolate ourselves," Jean Fournet-Fayard, the French Football Federation president, said, "and our new agents allow us to travel abroad without filling the rest of the plane seats with pressmen."

Michel Platini, the new national manager, has already said he will not hold the customary Press conference after naming his side on Thursday for next week's World Cup qualifier against Yugoslavia in Belgrade. "Platini is the boss. He decides how he wants to run things," Fournet-Fayard said.

● João Havelange, the president of FIFA, arriving for a two-day meeting in Prague on football's present and future problems, said: "The main problem is how to stop attacks among spectators. Fair play is going to be high up on our agenda. It must be a top priority for everybody who is involved in soccer, including coaches, referees, doctors, club officials, players and, naturally, spectators."

● The veteran defender, George Berry, of Stoke City, wants Brian Talbot's job as PFA chairman — but first he must get on to the committee. Talbot automatically relinquished the job when he took over as manager at West Bromwich last week.

● Bristol Rovers' home FA Cup first-round tie with Fisher Athletic has been put back a day to Sunday, November 20, on police advice. They share Twerton Park with Bath City, who are also at home to Grays Athletic. Rovers wanted to play on the Saturday but police would not allow the game to clash with Bristol City's home tie against Southend.

● Southend United, who have lost their last three third division matches, have signed Gary Bennett, a forward, from Chester for £25,000.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Fourth division: Tranmere 1, Hereford 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 3, Stafford 2; Fisher 1, Barnet 2.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Postponed: Norwich City v Chelsea (fog).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester City 3, Leeds United 1; Liverpool 2, Manchester City 1.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Second replay: Guisborough 1, Leek 0.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Replay: South Liverpool 2, North Shields 2 (aet).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagenham 3, Kingstonian 2. Second division north: Harlow Town 3, Aveley 0; Stevenage Borough 3, Rainham Town 2. Second division south: Ruislip Manor 0, Whyteleafe 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Horwich 0, Hyde 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester City 1, Bath City 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: West Bromwich Albion 6, Scunthorpe United 0.

Lenihan is to escape additional sanctions

By George Ace

Donal Lenihan, the former Irish captain, who was sent off for the first time in his career last weekend, has escaped suspension and will captain Munster against Connacht in Cork on Saturday.

The disciplinary committee of the Munster branch of the Irish RFU has decided that the sending-off was in itself sufficient punishment for the offence — allegedly striking an opponent.

The decision will, no doubt, cause a few eyebrows to be raised outside Munster. But most fair-minded people will accept it without question. Lenihan has been a credit to Munster and Irish rugby, both on and off the field, throughout his career.

Rainey, the Ballymena full back, has withdrawn from the Ulster team to meet Leinster at Ravenhill on Saturday in a match almost certain to determine the provincial championship. Rainey, who missed the game against Western Samoa because of hamstring trouble, played for his club at the weekend but suffered a reaction. He is replaced by Wilkinson, who took over against the Samoans.

Steve Smith, who caught the eye of the Lions' selectors in the recent international against Western Samoa, is again on the Ulster bench, the provincial selectors preferring McDonald, the Malone hooker. Smith has every right to feel aggrieved.

The men responsible for the decision argue that McDonald has never let Ulster down. That is not in dispute. McDonald is a fine hooker and a good all-round forward. But the weight difference between Smith and McDonald is close to three stones and that is a lot of poundage to ignore in the front row of a scrum when most other things are equal.

Oxbridge to tour Australia

By Peter Bills

Oxford and Cambridge Universities are to make a combined tour of Australasia next summer. A party of approximately 26 players drawn from the two universities will play eight games during a visit from July 12 to August 17.

The plan is to play four matches in Australia, three in New Zealand and a final game in Fiji on the way home. Details of opposing sides have not been finalized.

It will be the first Oxbridge tour since 1971, when there was a seven-week visit to Argentina and Brazil. This time the strength of the respective university sides suggests a powerful party, especially in the threequarters.

Tony Rodgers, the Cambridge coach, said: "Before 1971 I understand there were fairly regular tours by a combined Oxbridge side, but the idea lapsed. What it needed was some energy by certain people to get another tour off the ground and this has now been done.

"Another factor is the friendship of the respective captains, this season, Rupert Vessey, of Oxford, and Mark Hancock, from our university. They have toured together in the past and get on very well. It was thought a good idea to make this tour, especially with the Lions in Australia in July."

Barnes hopes ankle holds

Stuart Barnes, captain of Bath, has an ankle injury but expects to play in a full-strength side in Saturday's Courage League match at Moseley. Tony Swift and Barry Trevaskis return on the wings.

Moseley will lack their captain, the injured Simon Robson's place at scrum half being taken by Bruce Fenley.

For their game at Bristol, Harlequins rest Richard Cramb, who plays at stand-off half for Scotland against Australia on November 19, selecting Adrian Thompson. Simon Cooke deputizes at centre for Will Carling.

RUGBY UNION

Samoans find the hectic pace is to their liking

By Gerald Davies

Pontypridd 22
Western Samoa 23

The striking feature of this penultimate match of the Western Samoan tour — the final game is against Wales on Saturday — was the effective ruck play of both teams. The ball was not allowed to lay still for long. There were many exciting running movements which were not reflected in a scoreline in the Samoans' favour of a goal, two tries and three penalties to a try and six penalties.

There were times when the pace of the game appeared too frantic, which may have accounted for the many infringements, a half-dozen penalties for offside among the over eager threequarters. Had Salesa not hit the woodwork twice with conversions, it might have been a more comfortable victory for the Samoans. Even so, they were justly jubilant at the end, having won four of their six matches in Wales.

Yet, at the interval it looked as if the home side was comfortably in control, having begun so authoritatively. A marvellous drive, followed by a swiftly won ruck by Pontypridd, set Mason free in midfield, and an unfair tackle gave Phillips the first points with a 35-metre penalty in the first minute.

Another thundering drive and quick possession saw Loxton go over but was recalled because he touched the corner post. Although the try did not come, and the wing did have a second chance soon after — the visitors infringed the offside line and Phillips kicked two more penalties.

It was the Somoans who crossed the line first when Fepuleai and Saena created the space for Salesa to score the try which Faamasino converted.

When it looked as if Pontypridd seemed happy simply to win possession and let Phillips add to the points tally, which he did with another penalty, Mason once more broke down the centre and his well-timed pass gave Ford a try. Before half-time Salesa and Phillips exchanged penalties.

If the home side had enjoyed the territorial advantage, and was to continue to do so in the second half, it was always on the cards that the Samoans might break loose. While allowed to run, they always looked dangerous.

With Phillips kicking another penalty to put Pontypridd 22-9 ahead, it looked as if all was lost for Samoa. Two penalties by Salesa narrowed the lead and two tries by Lupeli and Faamasino secured victory.

SCORERS: Pontypridd: Try: E Ford. Penalties: A Phillips (6) Western Samoa: Tries: T Salesa, M Lupeli, T Faamasino. Conversion: T Salesa. Penalties: T Salesa(3)

PONTYPRIDD: J Mason; G Loxton, C Jones (capt), S Lewis (rep: C Gupwell), E Ford; A Phillips, K Lee (rep: H Evans); G Davies, P John, P Knight, N Saunders, A Owen, G Davies, A Carpenter, M Butts.

WESTERN SAMOA: T Salesa; L Foai, T Faamasino, F Saena (rep: K Sio), T Ugapo; J Ah Kuoi, V Fepuleai; P Fatialofa, S Toomalatai, F Aimaasu, L Mano, S Lemamea, D Wetarps, M Lupeli (capt), V Faasua.

Referee: D Leslie (Scotland).

Crawshay's power troubles college

By Michael Stevenson

Christ College Brecon... 7
Crawshay's Youth 35

The meeting of Christ College and Crawshay's Youth XV at Brecon was a mismatch in one respect; the physical disparity between the sides was such that the college, lacking quality possesion, spent most of the afternoon bravely tackling the visitors' powerful pack.

Add to this a scrum half, Williams, built like a tank and their problems were bound to proliferate. Nevertheless, Christ College, for whom the halves, Yendle and Hooper, Lowry, in the centre, and the flanker, Lumby, played excellently, contributed some delightful rugby and they managed to finish the match on the attack.

Shallish and Norville were outstanding for the winners, who translated a 13-7 lead at the interval into victory by four goals, two tries and a penalty to a try and a penalty.

Lowry's early penalty for the college was answered in kind by Fowler before Christ College took the lead through a double dummy scissors move by Yendle. He fed Hides and Morgan scored wide out after the best move of the match.

Williams's break made a try for Crawshay's mobile prop, Jones, and Shallish's theatrical but successful dummy fashioned a try for Shatock which Walsh converted.

The second half, as the college tired, was more one-sided. Williams forced his way over on the open side of a scrum, Norville scored after Shallish had won the line-out, Jones added a second try and Field was Crawshay's final scorer. It was sad that we did not see more of the visitors' talented backs.

SCORERS: Christ College: Try: Morgan. Penalty: Lowry. Crawshay's XV: Tries: Jones (2), Shatock, Williams, Norville, Field. Penalty: Fowler. Conversions: Fowler (3), Walsh.

CHRIST COLLEGE BRECON: Hides; G Morgan, J Lowry, G John, J Patel; M Yendle S Hooper; A Lewis, S Sheenan, J Davies, M Roderick, D Facey, M Davies, J Copley, K Lumby.

CRAWSHAY'S WELSH YOUTH XV: B McKraken (Blackwood); D Roberts (Aberavon), N Walsh (St David's College), J Taverner (Crumlin), B Daniels (Bedwas); R Fowler (Harnidge H), D Williams (Pontypool); I Jones (Pontypridd), L Shatock (Cardiff), S Clement (Cardiff), A Paalla (Cardiff), R Field (Cardiff HOSB), M Shallish (Crumlin), B Norville (St Josephs), M Lloyd (St David s).

Referee: P Rees.

North Walian so at home with Llanelli

By Owen Jenkins

If the dedication and enthusiasm of Iwan Jones, the Llanelli flanker, is anything to go by, then we will be hearing a lot more about him. For Jones, aged 22, has been travelling from his home in Bangor, north Wales, to train and play for Llanelli.

It is a 300-mile round-trip which takes him four hours each way. So far this season he has covered nearly 10,000 miles in more than 250 driving hours. "My parents have been great to me," Jones, who has been using his mother's car, says.

"When I played my first game this season, I arrived only half an hour before the kick-off and I was still tired after the journey. But now I allow more time to prepare for games."

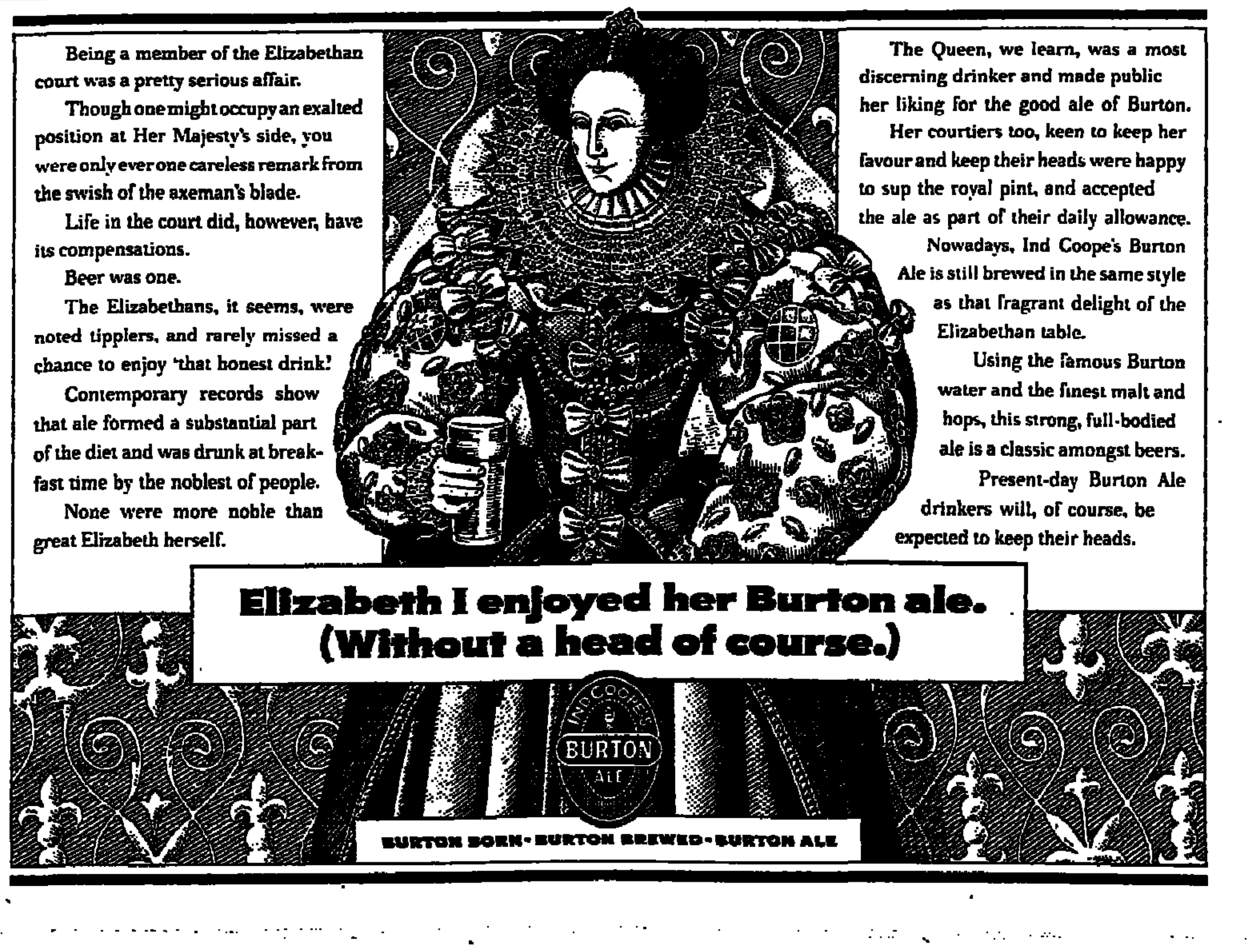
Jones, who played for North Wales against Western Samoa recently, was recommended to Llanelli by his own club, Wrexham. He sharpened up his game in New Zealand during the summer, where he played for the Western Suburbs first XV at Wellington.

"Sid Going asked me to go over after watching me play for the North Wales under-23s against New Zealand under-21s last year. Although I couldn't finance the trip, the local paper got hold of the story and helped me to get sponsorship. I learned a lot out there. I trained six times a week and it was all about body positioning and commitment."

Gareth Jenkins, the Llanelli coach, has a high regard for Jones and believes he has what it takes. "Iwan has exceptional pace which is a priority in his position.

"His support play is fantastic and he's never far away from a situation. He's fearless and has an enthusiasm for the game. I think he can go to the top, but he now has to get to terms with a season's rugby down here."

To that end Jones, 6ft 1in and 13½ stone, is cutting down on his travelling. He has just started an engineering degree course at Swansea University and is looking for accommodation in the area. "Although the travelling has been very boring," he said, " playing for Llanelli means everything."



Being a member of the Elizabethan court was a pretty serious affair.

Though one might occupy an exalted position at Her Majesty's side, you were only ever one careless remark from the swish of the axeman's blade.

Life in the court did, however, have its compensations.

Beer was one.

The Elizabethans, it seems, were noted tipplers, and rarely missed a chance to enjoy 'that honest drink.'

Contemporary records show that ale formed a substantial part of the diet and was drunk at breakfast time by the noblest of people.

None were more noble than great Elizabeth herself.

The Queen, we learn, was a most discerning drinker and made public her liking for the good ale of Burton.

Her courtiers too, keen to keep her favour and keep their heads were happy to sup the royal pint, and accepted the ale as part of their daily allowance.

Nowadays, Ind Coope's Burton Ale is still brewed in the same style as that fragrant delight of the Elizabethan table.

Using the famous Burton water and the finest malt and hops, this strong, full-bodied ale is a classic amongst beers.

Present-day Burton Ale drinkers will, of course, be expected to keep their heads.

Elizabeth I enjoyed her Burton ale.
(Without a head of course.)

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England's flight of fancy is to include Marwood

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The England squad is to be carried to and from its international match in Saudi Arabia next week by Concorde, the flagship of British Airways. In travelling at the speed of sound directly to Riyadh and back, through Cairo, a potentially unpopular and physically exhausting journey of 18 hours has been cut in half.

The diplomatic flight path, designed to appease 10 domestic club managers, was negotiated between the Football Association and British Aerospace, who have hired the aircraft. In return for 36 free seats, England's representatives are, in the words of Ted Croker, the FA secretary, to take part in "a trade mission".

Instead of being accompanied by members of the media, as has long been the tradition, the England party will be joined by 62 "captains of industry", whose companies will each pay £5,000. Apart from receiving a guaranteed sum of £45,000 from the Saudi Arabians, the FA trusts that the trip will be profitable.

The businessmen may find it a commercial benefit, but Bobby Robson may yet regret the decision to take a free ride on the trade winds to a distant desert. The decision, revealed only five days before the proposed departure, is likely to antagonize his sternest Press critics.

It was not his fault that the FA withdrew from the scheduled visit to Italy or that the subsequent arrangement with Morocco fell through. But the wisdom of agreeing to play thousands of miles away in the Middle East was open to question, not least by the club managers.

Robson himself expected all of his players to be released. "I feel we have the support of all of the top managers. If not, what sort of game are we in?" he asked. "I would be very disappointed and disillusioned if this was not the case."

Yet he was conscious that "we had to get the best deal for the players". In informing Kenny Dalglish that he wanted Barnes and Beardsley, for example, he told Liverpool's player-manager of the plan to go on Concorde. "That seemed to please him."

The original idea was to depart on a Saudi flight immediately after the game, but the squad would not have arrived home until six o'clock on Thursday morning. "Now we can have a good night's rest, we don't have to get up at an unreasonable hour, and we'll still be back before lunch."

Unreasonable hour? To check in on time at the airport, the party will have to leave the hotel at about 7 a.m. In England, that is the equivalent of 4 a.m. In spite of the abbreviated return flight, the timing is far from ideal for players in preparation for the weekend fixtures.

The treatment of the national squad has been scandalous in the past. They have been asked to skulk out of the country from Luton airport almost apologetically in a chartered aircraft. Now, at least, they will travel in the style to which they have not been accustomed.

The FA has previously approached British Airways for assistance. Two years ago, for instance, inquiries were made about using Concorde to fly the team to Mexico for the World Cup finals. The quoted price was £150,000 each way. The offer, not surprisingly, was rejected.

Effectively, through the sponsorship by "the captains of industry", the FA has belatedly found an enterprising way of transporting the players more appropriately. But it was tactless not to embrace the media, on which the game relies for its publicity.

Marwood will not complain. Never could he have expected to fly so high, so far, so soon. The lone newcomer on a shortened list of 20 names, Arsenal's winger will take off from Heathrow at noon on Monday and be in Riyadh four hours and two minutes later.

At the age of 28, he is selected with four of his club colleagues. They include Smith and Thomas, who have also yet to collect a cap. Nor have Beasant and Seaman but, in the absence of Shilton and Woods, at least one of them will make their debut in goal.

"It is an opportunity to blood one of the younger goalkeepers," Robson said yesterday. "Peter Shilton understands the situation and has agreed to stand by in case he is needed." Dorigo, of Chelsea, and Steven, of Everton, have also been invited to act as replacements should they be required.

The versatility of Parker, another uncapped player, and Thomas assures Robson of defensive cover, but he is angered by Rangers's decision to withdraw Butcher, Stevens and Woods from his list of possibilities. "They could have played their game against Hamilton in a fortnight," he claimed.

Croker indicated that the Scottish FA would be asked to co-operate with the other home associations and keep the weeks set aside for international matches free of domestic fixtures. He might also suggest they trade business for availability.

In demand

John Pickering, the former Newcastle coach, who was dismissed alongside Willie McFaul last month, has been offered the job of coach with Hartlepool United of the fourth division. Pickering is also wanted by Lincoln City as assistant to the manager, Colin Murphy, a position he held for three years from 1981.

England squad for Saudi Arabia

D Beasant (Newcastle United), **D Seaman** (Queen's Park Rangers), **M Sterland** (Sheffield Wednesday), **P Parker** (Queen's Park Rangers), **S Pearce** (Nottingham Forest), **A Adams** (Arsenal), **D Walker** (Nottingham Forest), **G Pallister** (Middlesbrough), **M Thomas** (Arsenal), **P Gascoigne** (Tottenham Hotspur), **B Robson** (Manchester United), **S Hodge** (Nottingham Forest), **D Rocastle** (Arsenal), **P Beardsley** (Liverpool), **A Cottee** (Everton), **G Lineker** (Barcelona), **A Smith** (Arsenal), **J Barnes** (Liverpool), **C Waddle** (Tottenham Hotspur), **B Marwood** (Arsenal).

Dunnett to stand for presidency

By Peter Ball

The Football League is facing its third Extraordinary General Meeting of the year on November 21. Jack Dunnett, of Notts County, will today be nominated for the vacant post of president to run against the first division candidate, Gordon McKeag, the chairman of Newcastle United.

The decision by the second division representatives on the Football League management committee to persuade Dunnett to stand may well be seen as a hostile gesture by the first division clubs after the bloodletting at the last EGM when two of their representatives, the former president, Philip Carter, and David Dein, of Arsenal, were removed from office. At their meeting on October 27 at Villa Park, the first division clubs were unanimous in supporting McKeag.

McKeag, however, has little experience, having only been elected to the management committee in June, a month before he took over as chairman of Newcastle. With the Government's membership scheme posing a test for football, English clubs still excluded from European competition and the internal divisions still far from healed, the game needs leadership as never before.

The second division clubs feel that Dunnett's experience equips him better for the task, especially as McKeag would automatically lose his place on the management committee if Newcastle are relegated — already a possibility.

"Jack is very experienced, he has been president before, and he is the nearest thing to an impartial chairman that the Football League could find at the moment," Bill Fox, the chairman of Blackburn Rovers who is nominating Dunnett at today's management committee meeting, said.

Dunnett took some time over his decision to accept the nomination, being reluctant to stand if doing so was seen as exacerbating the divisions which came close to tearing the League apart during the summer. He has agreed that he will resign when the League re-structuring committee, which is expected to report in 18 months with proposals for redesigning the management committee as well as the first division, is completed.

Important case for all football

By Dennis Signy

Danny Thomas, the former Tottenham Hotspur and England full back who has had to give up his football career because of a serious injury sustained in a first division match, is seeking damages of more than £200,000 from Gavin Maguire, the young QPR defender, and his club, in what could prove to be an historic case.

Lawyers acting for Thomas, now studying to be a physiotherapist, have been to the High Court to "set down for trial", a case on the non-jury list — *Thomas v Maguire and another.*

Failing a late settlement, the case should be heard early in 1989, with possible repercussions throughout the football world. Thomas claims his career was prematurely ended by a tackle that severed all the ligaments in his right knee in a match against QPR at White Hart Lane on March 7, 1987.

His lawyers will claim six years of loss of earning at £30,000 a year, plus damages for "pain and suffering", for a man in his mid-twenties. Maguire, who last week turned down a £180,000 transfer to Portsmouth, and his club, both deny liability.

Home unions review 1990 tours

The official cancellation, confirmed last week, of the proposed tour by South Africa to Ireland and Scotland in 1990, may mean that England and Scotland have to review the suggested incoming tour that year by Argentina (David Hands writes).

Ronnie Dawson, the chairman of the International Rugby Football Board's tours committee, said that the four home unions would be asked to look at a replacement tour. If that were to mean a direct replacement for Ireland and Scotland, then England would be left in limbo.

Such a possibility was discussed, I understand, at the last meeting of the four home unions tours' committee. No reply has yet been received from Argentina

Australians aim to improve

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Australians begin the Scottish leg of their tour at the Watsonians ground, Myreside, today, keen to re-establish against Edinburgh credentials which have been diminished in their seven matches in England (three won, four lost).

The thought has occurred since their defeat against England that, had they not turned the ball inside to Miller in injury-time but sped it left to Campese, a 23-22 verdict in their favour could have been the consequence. Instead they lost possession and England scored their fourth try.

Farr-Jones, the captain, suggested that England had capitalized on their chances whereas Australia had not. The touring party will work hard before the game against Scotland on November 19 to ensure that situation is reversed, starting today against an Edinburgh XV containing six internationals of whom three, Hastings, Sole and Iain Milne, will play in the international at Murrayfield.

Edinburgh were unbeaten last season in winning the McEwans district championship but lost their warm-up game in September when they went down 21-10 to Leinster in Dublin. Having assured themselves of Rafferty's fitness in the back row, they will watch to see how Lineen fares in his first appearance for the district.

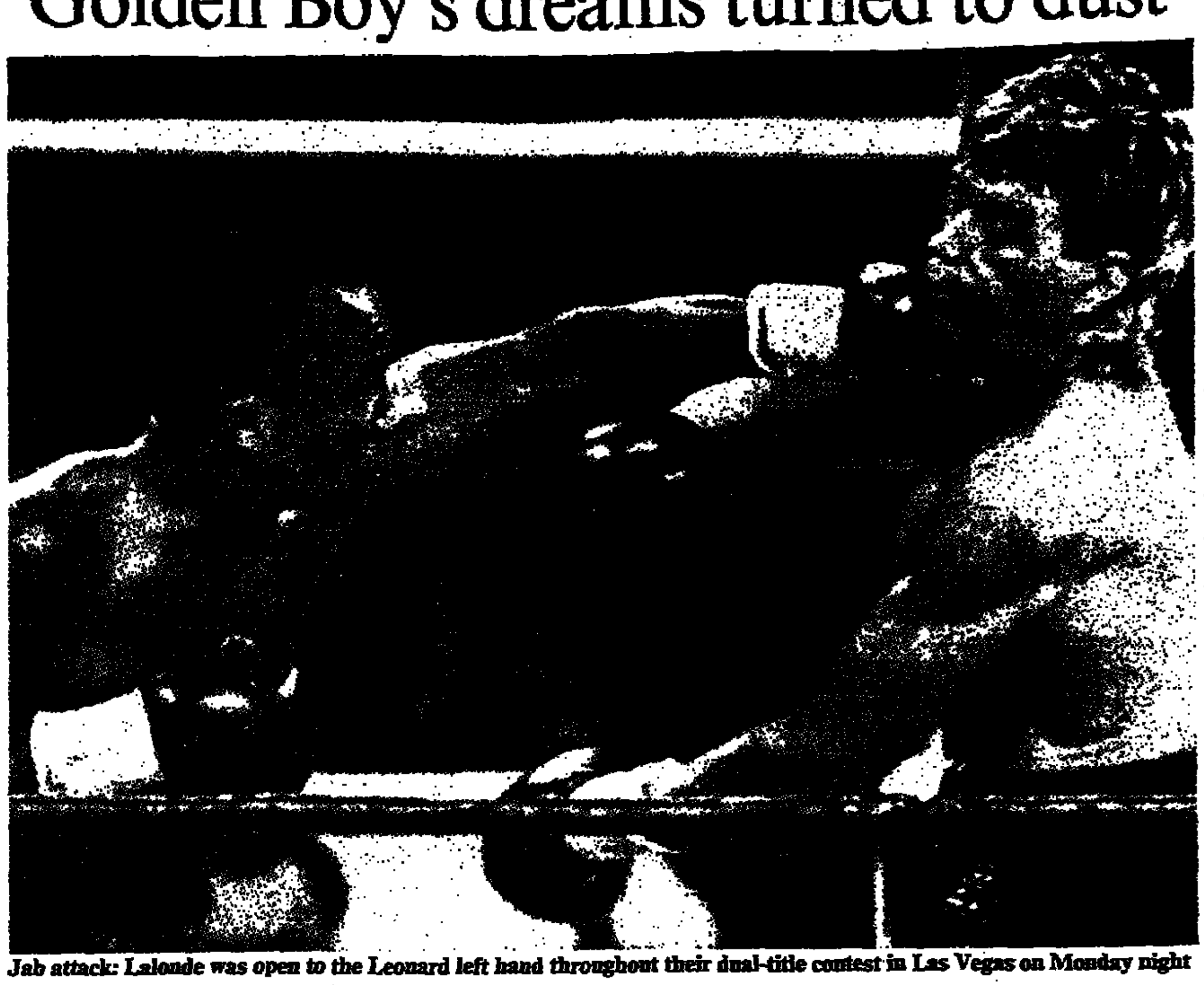
The New Zealand centre played for Pontypool a couple of seasons ago and has been with Boroughmuir this season, playing with such effect that there has been speculation about his qualification to play for Scotland. He is paired with Hastings, a strong contender for a place in next year's British Lions tour to Australia.

Against them is set an Australian midfield in which Tombs and Walker have had what may be termed a quiet tour.

It is 13 years since Edinburgh last played a touring Australian team

EDINBURGH: C Spence (Stewart's Melville FP); P Steven (Heriot's FP), S Hastings (Watsonians), S Lineen (Boroughmuir), M Debusk (Boroughmuir); D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), J Scott (Stewart's Melville FP); D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals), K Milne (Heriot's FP), I Milne (Heriot's FP, capt), J Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), E Simpson (Stewart's Melville FP), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP), J Price (Boroughmuir).
AUSTRALIANS: D Knox; A Niuqila, R Tombs, P Cornish, P Carozza; L Walker, B Burke (capt); R Lawton, T Lawton, E McKenzie, S Gourley, R McCall, D Frawley, D Carter, T Gavin.
Referee: A Trigg (England).

Golden Boy's dreams turned to dust



Jab attack: Lalonde was open to the Leonard left hand throughout their dual-title contest in Las Vegas on Monday night

Leonard turns executioner

From Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
Las Vegas

LEONARD'S WORLD TITLES

Date	Title	Result
Nov 30, 1979	WBC welterweight v Wilfred Benitez (held in Las Vegas)	ko, 15th
Nov 25, 1980	WBC welterweight (regained) v Roberto Durán (New Orleans)	ko, 8th
June 25, 1981	WBA junior-middleweight v Ayub Kalule (Houston)	ko, 9th
Sept 16, 1981	Undisputed world welterweight v Tommy Hearns (Las Vegas)	ko, 14th
April 6, 1987	WBC middleweight v Marvin Hagler (Las Vegas)	points
Nov 7, 1988	WBC super-middle and light-heavyweight v Donny Lalonde (Las Vegas)	ko, 9th

Much as boxing supporters might admire the victory of Sugar Ray Leonard over Donny "Golden Boy" Lalonde on Monday, when he knocked out the Canadian at Caesars Palace in the ninth round to lift two titles, the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight and super-middleweight crowns, in the end the contest was not so much a boxing match as a spectacle, and in some respects a cruel one.

For apart from the fact that Leonard became the first man to win five championships (if one discounts the super-middleweight title Thomas Hearns won the Friday before from the day-old World Boxing Organization) it proved little more than that Leonard, at the age of 32, still has enough boxing skill to lead a limited and hand-picked opponent to a public execution.

True, Lalonde was six pounds heavier at 167lbs — if you do not count the 40 silver dollars Leonard had in each of his track suit pockets — three inches taller and had a good right hand that had knocked out the 26 of his 33 opponents. But the Canadian's left hand, which had been injured when he was an ice hockey player and had had two operations, was next to useless and made him look untutored.

It was only when, in the fourth round, Leonard uncharacteristically forgot to duck and a right hand sent him to the floor that some sort of challenge began to emerge. He said: "I had a premonition haunting me that I would be knocked down. When it happened I said, 'Now that's over'." From the fifth round Leonard speared him with jabs and tore at his ribs with the right "to gain his respect". The big right hand began to drop.

By the seventh round so often was Leonard getting through that Lalonde heaved a deep sigh with each blow. As the big young man in golden regalia charged round the ring with his left hand extended, as much to keep Leonard out as to measure him for the right, he reminded me of a magnificent Charolais bull I once knew in Wales that attacked the farmer once too often and was sent to the slaughter house. He too was golden.

As Leonard came in to punish him and stayed longer in close in the ninth round, three times the horns lifted the welterweight upwards and one felt he might be gored to the floor. But it was all a part of Leonard's plan to draw the unsuspecting man in close where he could not find leverage for his right hand. "I wanted him to come on strong," Leonard said.

The two microphones above the boxers at this point were twisted in a breeze from Sunrise Mountain across the desert and the cable looked like a noose. Leonard slipped out of the scuffle to the left and unleashed a left hook that broke Lalonde's defences and he slid to the floor.

Lalonde got up and wandered vaguely away from Leonard to his corner, throwing up his hands in resignation. Then he turned with his back to his corner and faced Leonard and his confused face seemed to say: "Let's get this over."

Leonard had been standing like a long-distance runner at the start of the race, running to deliver a frightening cluster of blows, even remembering to bring up the old Leonard bolo.

Lalonde's head was like a speed ball in the gym and quickly, mercifully, he was beaten senseless to the floor. The golden boy, who as a child had been battered by his stepfather, curled up on the canvas. On his trunks was the legend "no excuse for child abuse".

Leonard raced to the ropes and faced the celebrities and raised his hands as if to say, "Did you see that?" Later he said: "He was much stronger than I figured. I took him to another level of competition and intensity."

But with the bout making $36 million (about £21.7 million), the gate money alone being $5.4 million, I am afraid that he might be coming back for more. "I was very proud of myself," Leonard said with disarming candour. "I showed you that this man was for real. He proved everyone wrong but he did not prove me wrong because I knew he could fight."

The golden boy with the crooked arm and the crooked smile said with typical modesty: "Well, so much for big mouths. Leonard was a little better than me, I guess."

Champion to carry on

Sugar Ray Leonard decided not to retire a fourth time but to carry on to defend his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title (Srikumar Sen writes). "Never again at light-heavyweight," the double champion said after sustaining a cut eye for the first time in his career during his victory over Donny Lalonde, of Canada.

After taking a rest "to evaluate my performance" he will decide on an opponent. It is most likely to be his old rival, Thomas Hearns, who challenged Leonard at a Press conference held by Leonard's publicity agent on Saturday.

Lalonde will be taking time off to make a film called *Abraxas*. "I'm an interplanetary agent," he said. He will also continue his fight against the abuse of children and will be helped in his campaign by Leonard. Lalonde will join the champion in his campaign to end apartheid in South Africa.

Wembley event may join ATP circuit

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Leonard Owen, the tournament director, suggested yesterday that the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley would probably join the new circuit planned for 1990 by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP). The Wembley event is run in partnership with the ATP and that agreement will come up for renewal next year.

The ATP tour would either replace, or compete with, the existing grand prix circuit, except for the agreed common ground represented by the grand slam tournaments of Australia, France, Wimbledon and the United States.

The dispute is largely based on the fact that the ATP, like many (probably most) tournament directors, resents the prominent role of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) in professional tennis. The ITF's basic concerns are, or should be, the rules of play and the world-wide development of what we used to call the amateur game.

"We shall stay on the fence for a while," Owen said, "but we do not have a direct allegiance with the Lawn Tennis Association or the ITF. The only way for us to go is with the players — or I can't see how we have a tournament. You can't run a business without workers and you can't run a tournament without players." Nobody promoting a big prize-money tournament can argue with such logic.

It is not much credit to either the grand prix or the ATP, who both have fingers in the Wembley pie, that the most highly ranked players in the draw this week are Henri Leconte, ranked twelfth in the world, and Brad Gilbert, eighteenth.

Yesterday Gilbert had a 6-4, 6-4 win over Andrew Castle, whose place in the draw was based on a "wild card" invitation rather than merit. One has much sympathy with the Castles of tennis because they seldom have the chance to compete at this level.

Professional tennis is rather like learning to drive. The education dependent on experience does not really begin until one is competent enough to earn a licence — that is, a regular place on the upper stratum of (for the present) the grand prix. To earn such a licence, players need a combination of ability, guts and luck.

Gilbert, sombre in looks and to some extent in personality, plays with such smooth, unfussy, unspectacular efficiency that his steady acquisition of points and games is almost stealthy. Yesterday his left ankle was strapped and he wore a garter-like bandage below his right knee. It seemed that, if sufficiently exercised, he might fall apart.

Castle displayed no similar hints of decomposition but, predictably, was a less consistent rallier. He was a learner driver in the company of an instructor.

We look forward to a second-round match between two left-handers, Leconte and Alexander Volkov, dreamy-looking chaps who play with seemingly casual facility and look so much alike that they could be brothers.

RESULTS: First round: M Srejber (Cz) bt M Schapers (Neth), 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; C Saceanu (WG) bt J Frawley (Aus), 6-1, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt A Castle (GB), 6-4, 6-4; A Volkov (USSR) bt J Kriek (US), 6-2, 6-3; D Rostagno (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; R Agenor (Haiti) bt S Casal (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; P Kuhnen (WG) bt J Pugh (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

SPORT IN BRIEF

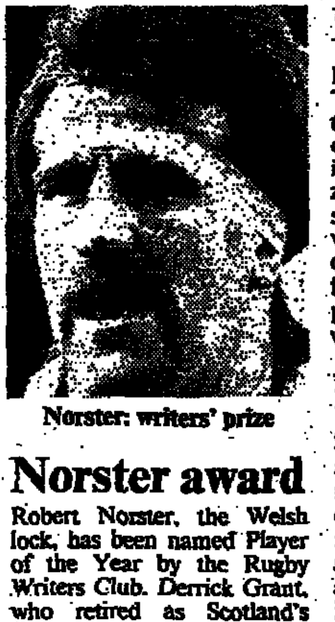
Ticket ban on referee

Alan Hall, a Norfolk referee, has been banned for life from receiving tickets from the Football Association after an investigation into black market ticket sales for the FA Cup Final between Wimbledon and Liverpool.

Hall, from Dereham, sold an officially supplied ticket to supporters. The county Foootball Association also ruled that the Sunday League should be censured, fined £100 and have next year's Cup Final ticket allocation halved.

Fast treatment

Tony Pigott, the Sussex fast bowler, entered hospital for a hernia operation. He is expected to be fit for the start of next season.



Norster: writers' prize

Norster award

Robert Norster, the Welsh lock, has been named Player of the Year by the Rugby Writers Club. Derrick Grant, who retired as Scotland's coach, received the Rupert Cherry prize for services to rugby.

Rider expelled

Munich (AFP) — Dietrich Thurau was disqualified from the six-day Munich cycle race on Monday for allegedly trying to "blackmail" the organizers. Sigi Renz, responsible for staging the event, said Thurau wanted extra payment for competing. When it was refused he threatened to reveal a private conversation unless he was paid.

Free sport

Steve Ovett will today launch a scheme giving free admission for nationally selected competitors to sports facilities in East Sussex. The scheme, sponsored by Vent-Axia, also applies to disabled competitors and is open to anyone living in East Sussex.

END COLUMN

Showing thugs the red card

By John Carlisle MP

Vice chairman of the All-Party Football Committee and chairman of the Conservative Sports Committee

It must be unusual if not unique that one of the most important proposals of legislation that the Queen will announce at the State Opening of Parliament on November 22 will be concerned with sport.

Minor measures have been introduced before on the safety of sports grounds and, more recently, for restrictions on the sale of liquor. Now the Government intends to tackle a problem that has bedevilled football for years but is not of its own making, namely hooliganism.

My parliamentary colleague and chairman of the parliamentary all-party football committee, Tom Pendry, has described these intended measures as "profoundly detrimental to our national game". I beg to differ.

All agree that Government cannot stand back and see chaos and mayhem reign in our streets. So why should football be exempt? Again this season, despite encouraging signs, there have been arrests both inside and outside grounds, and the summer events in Europe are too recent to be ignored.

After the notorious Luton v Millwall game in 1985, at which I was present, David Evans and his Luton board bravely took a decision which has transformed the club, and perhaps more important, the town.

Carlisle: identity scheme

Since the full-membership (or no-away-supporters) scheme has been in operation at Luton, there has been just one arrest in two years. Supporters go to the town to visit friends or to shop. Shopkeepers and publicans have reported increased trade, public transport is safe and the pavements are clear of louts and their litter. Fathers bring sons to the matches, the number of women supporters has risen and the atmosphere outside and inside the ground is one of harmony and good humour.

The experiment has worked and the crowds are beginning to return. Is it then so "detrimental" to the game and to society that the Government of the day should adopt a system that has been such an outstanding success? Luton supporters do not find it inconvenient to buy membership at £1 per season; more than 20,000 have signed up again this year and the administration finds little difficulty in coping with "all-ticket matches" for every game.

The advantage of the national scheme is that every supporter with his card can enter any of the 92 League grounds, provided he or she behaves. Football would be entitled to bar entry to the tiny minority that causes all the trouble.

A national identity system would encroach on the right to anonymity but if the choice is identification as guilty or innocent, what have the innocent to fear? Is it too much to ask the "casual supporter" to purchase a membership card, which for a modest sum will allow him at least three years of trouble-free spectating at every League ground in the country and possibly Europe?

And is modern technology really unable to provide swift access to thousands of entrants or are we all last-minute attenders who cannot bear to reach the ground before 2.55 p.m.?

These are but minor inconveniences to achieve the prize of saving football from death by violence. In Parliament we hear rumours that every club bar Luton will mount a massive campaign to scupper the scheme, and that alrady the Opposition is planning wrecking tactics for the Bill.

My belief is that the vast majority of the population uninterested in football but affected by its problems will applaud this initiative to identify the culprits and banish the offenders. No other course of action will now be acceptable to a Government that has tired of ineffective remedies and lame excuses.

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